

Grid Computing and the Globus Toolkit

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What is a Grid?

- Resource sharing
 - Computers, storage, sensors, networks, ...
 - Sharing always conditional: issues of trust, policy, negotiation, payment, ...
- Coordinated problem solving
 - Beyond client-server: distributed data analysis, computation, collaboration, ...
- Dynamic, multi-institutional virtual organizations
 - Community overlays on classic org structures
 - Large or small, static or dynamic

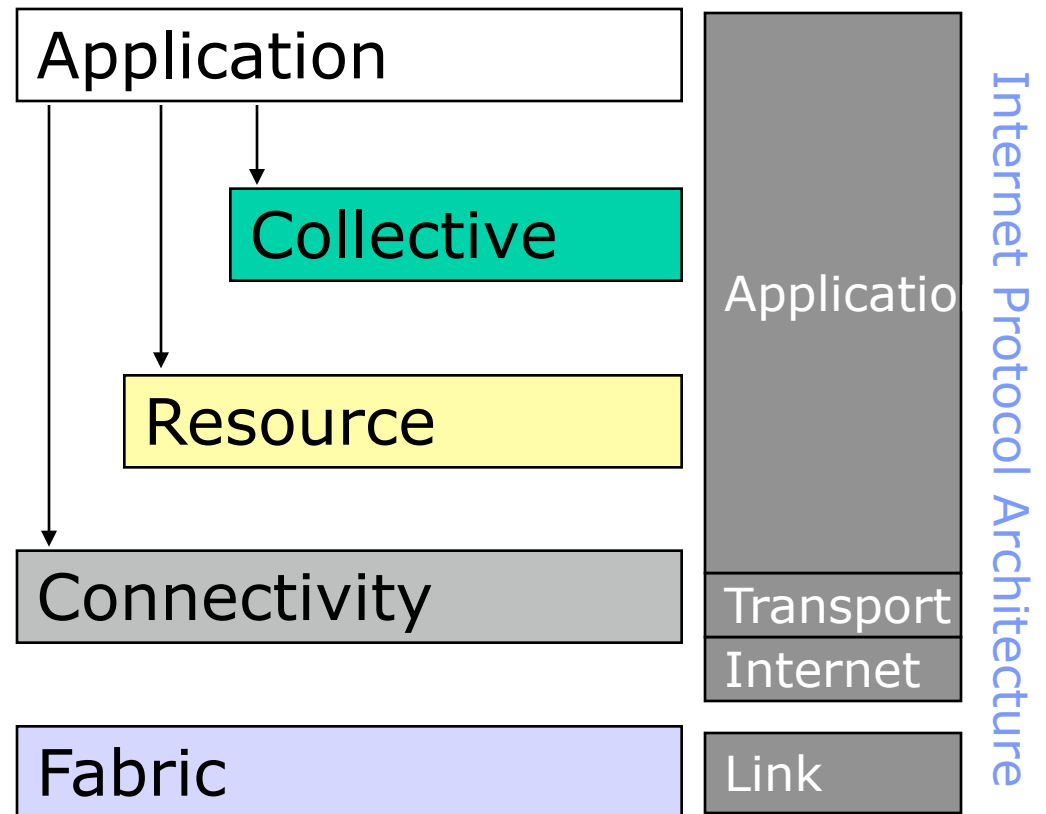
The Grid

“Coordinating multiple resources”: ubiquitous infrastructure services, app-specific distributed services

“Sharing single resources”: negotiating access, controlling use

“Talking to things”: communication (Internet protocols) & security

“Controlling things locally”: Access to, & control of, resources



Why Is this Hard or Different?

- Lack of central control
 - Where things run
 - When they run
 - Who can run
- Shared resources
 - Contention, variability
- Communication and coordination
 - Different sites implies different sys admins, users, institutional goals, and often socio-political constraints

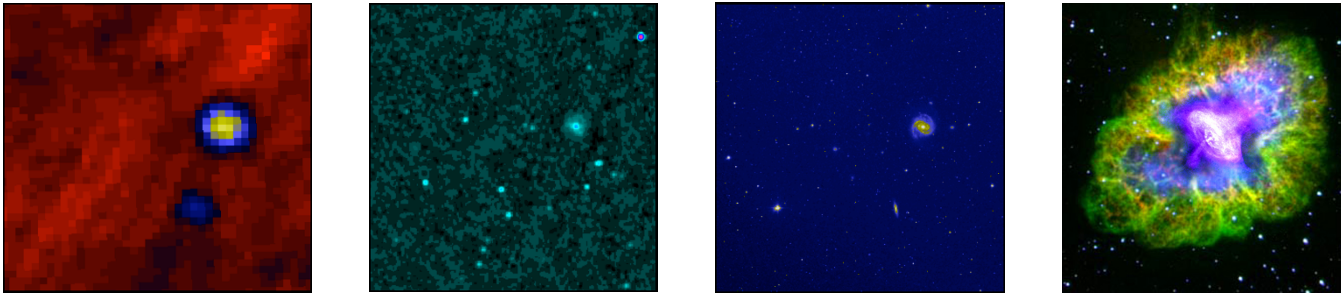


So Why Do It?

- Computations that need to be done with a time limit
- Data that can't fit on one site
- Data owned by multiple sites
- Applications that need to be run bigger, faster, more

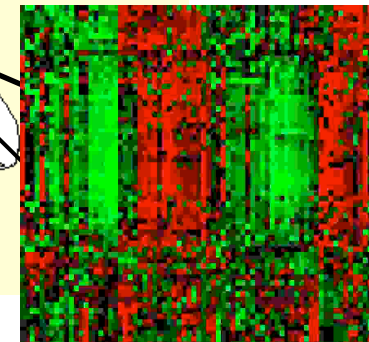
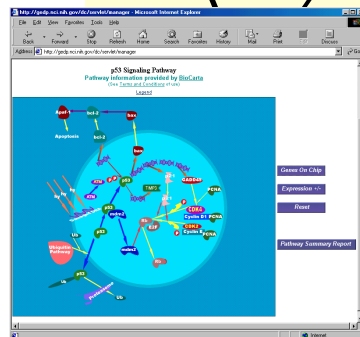
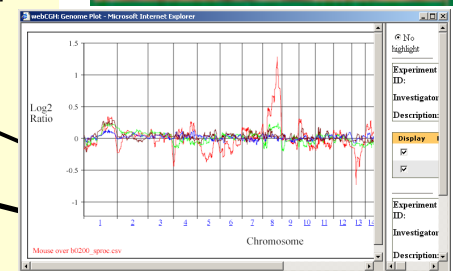
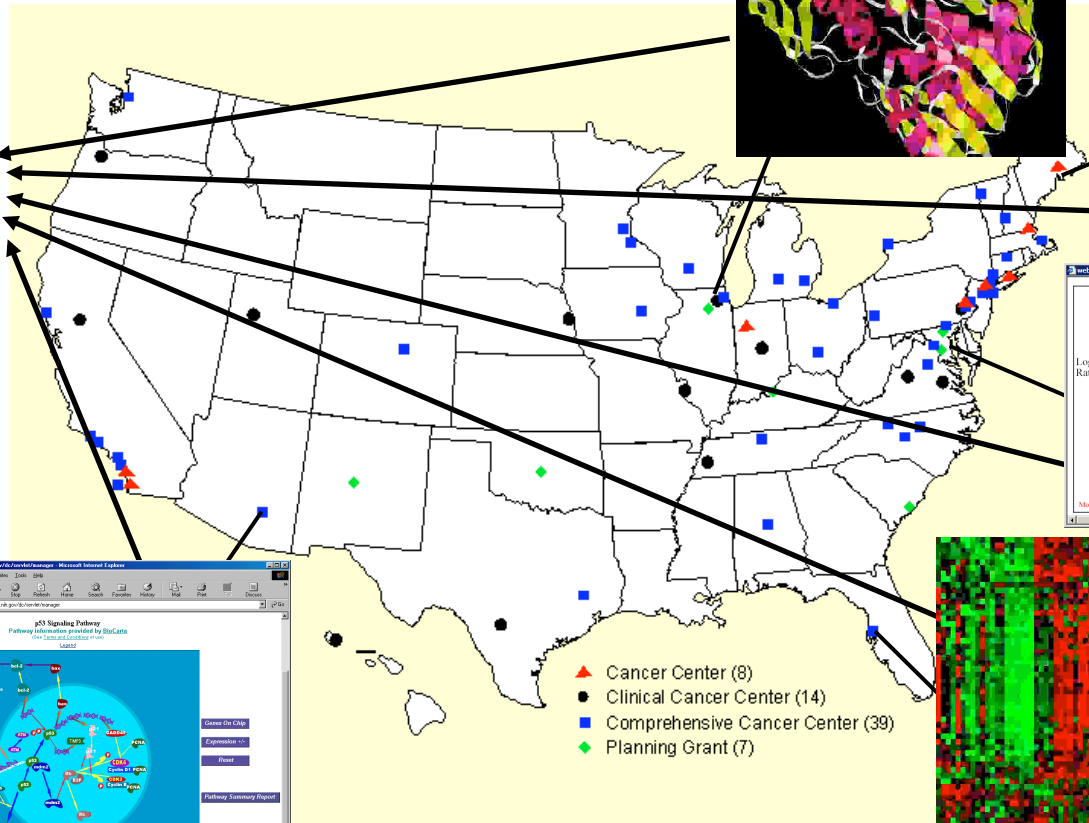
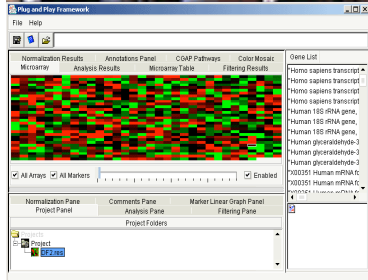
For Example: Digital Astronomy

- Digital observatories provide online archives of data at different wavelengths



- Ask questions such as: what objects are visible in infrared but not visible spectrum?

For Example: Cancer Biology



What Kinds of Applications?

- **Computation intensive**
 - Interactive simulation (climate modeling)
 - Large-scale simulation and analysis (galaxy formation, gravity waves, event simulation)
 - Engineering (parameter studies, linked models)
- **Data intensive**
 - Experimental data analysis (e.g., physics)
 - Image & sensor analysis (astronomy, climate)
- **Distributed collaboration**
 - Online instrumentation (microscopes, x-ray)
 - Remote visualization (climate studies, biology)
 - Engineering (large-scale structural testing)



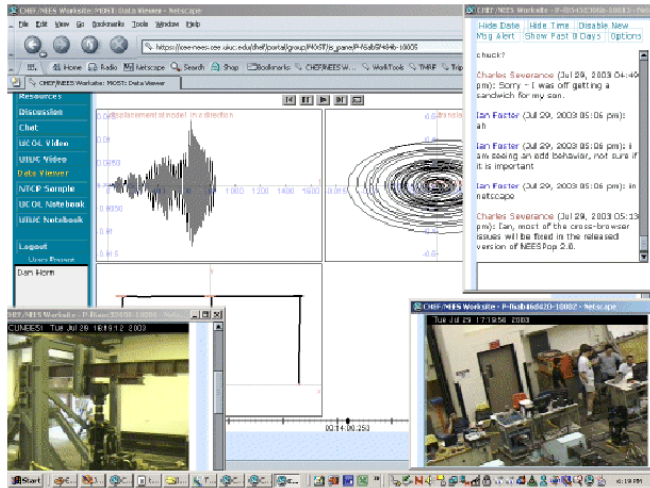
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Key Common Features

- The size and/or complexity of the problem
- Collaboration between people in several organizations
- Sharing computing resources, data, instruments

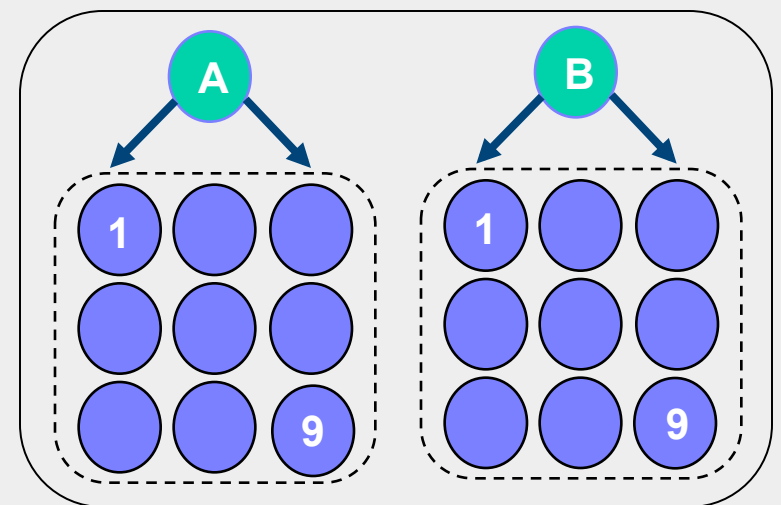
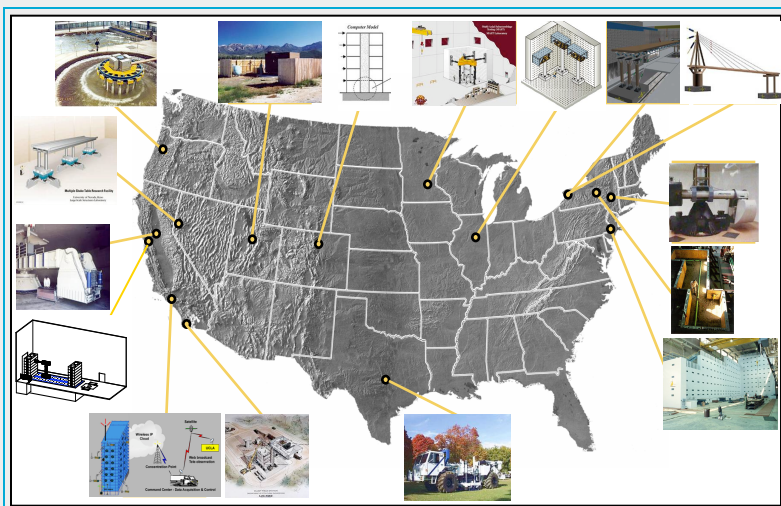
Underlying Problem: The Application-Infrastructure Gap



**Dynamic
and/or
Distributed
Applications**



Shared Distributed Infrastructure



Grid Infrastructure

- Distributed use and management
 - Of physical resources
 - Of software services
 - Of communities and their policies

Globus is...

- A collection of solutions to problems that come up frequently when building collaborative distributed applications
- Software for Grid infrastructure
- Tools to build applications that exploit Grid infrastructure
- Open source & open standards
- Enabler of a rich tool & service ecosystem



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Globus Toolkit

The Globus Toolkit centers around

Connectivity layer:

Security: Grid Security Infrastructure (GSI) - allows collaborators to share resources without blind trust

Resource layer:

Resource Management: Grid Resource Allocation Management (GRAM)

Data Transfer: Grid File Transfer Protocol (GridFTP)

Also collective layer protocol

Replica Management (RLS)

- Focuses on simplifying heterogeneity for application developers

Globus is a Building Block

- Basic components for Grid functionality
 - Not turnkey solutions, but building blocks & tools for application developers & system integrators
- Highest-level services are often application specific, we let apps concentrate there
- Easier to reuse than to reinvent
 - Compatibility with other Grid systems comes for free
- We provide basic infrastructure to get you one step closer

Globus Philosophy

- Globus was first established as an open source project in 1996
- The Globus Toolkit is open source to:
 - Allow for inspection
 - > for consideration in standardization processes
 - Encourage adoption
 - > in pursuit of ubiquity and interoperability
 - Encourage contributions
 - > harness the expertise of the community
- The Globus Toolkit is distributed under the (BSD-style) Apache License version 2

Globus Technology Areas

- Security
 - Apply uniform policy across distinct systems
- Execution management
 - Provision, deploy, & manage services
- Data management
 - Discover, transfer, & access large data

Globus User Community

- Large & diverse
 - 10s of national Grids, 100s of applications, 1000s of users; probably much more
 - Every continent except Antarctica
 - Applications ranging across many sciences
 - Dozens (at least) of commercial deployments
- Successful
 - Many production systems doing real work
 - Many applications producing real results
- Smart, energetic, demanding
 - Constant stream of new use cases & tools

Global Community





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Examples of Production Scientific Grids

- APAC (Australia)
- China Grid
- China National Grid
- DGrid (Germany)
- EGEE
- NAREGI (Japan)
- Open Science Grid
- Taiwan Grid
- TeraGrid
- ThaiGrid
- UK Nat'l Grid Service



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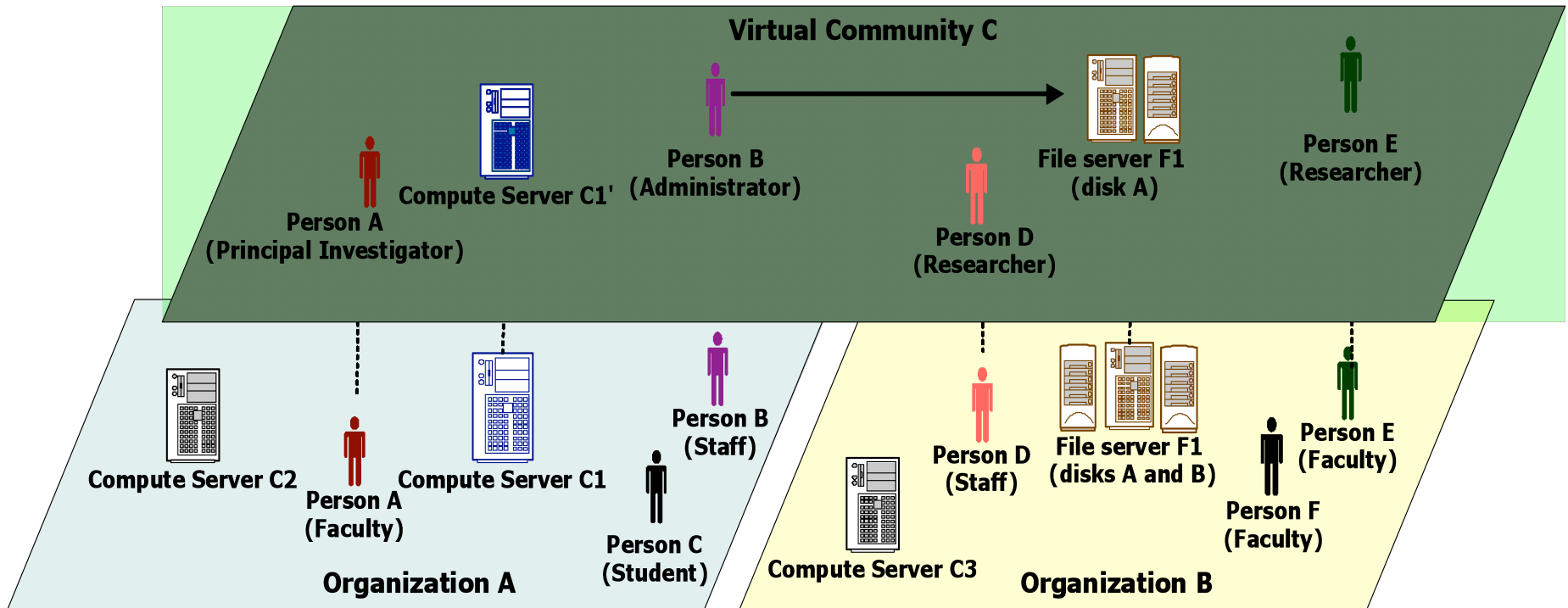
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Grid Security Concerns

- Control access to shared services
 - Address autonomous management, e.g., different policy in different work groups
- Support multi-user collaborations
 - Federate through mutually trusted services
 - Local policy authorities rule
- Allow users and application communities to set up dynamic trust domains
 - Personal/VO collection of resources working together based on trust of user/VO

Virtual Organizations (VO)



- VO for each application or workload
- Carve out and configure resources for a particular use and set of users



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Security - Terminology



Delegation:
Granting a
right to another
entity.

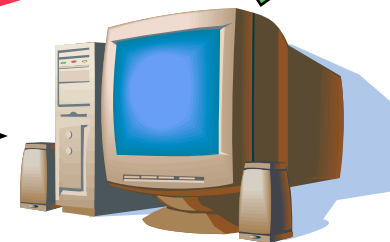
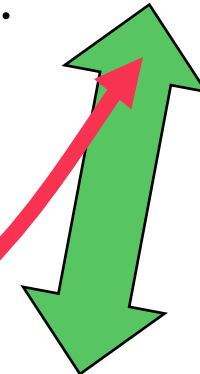


John Doe @ NCSA

Authentication: Proving
who you are.



Authorization:
What are you
allowed to
do?



Security - Terminology

- Privacy
 - Only the sender and receiver should be able to understand the conversation
- Integrity
 - Receiving end must know that the received message was the one from the sender

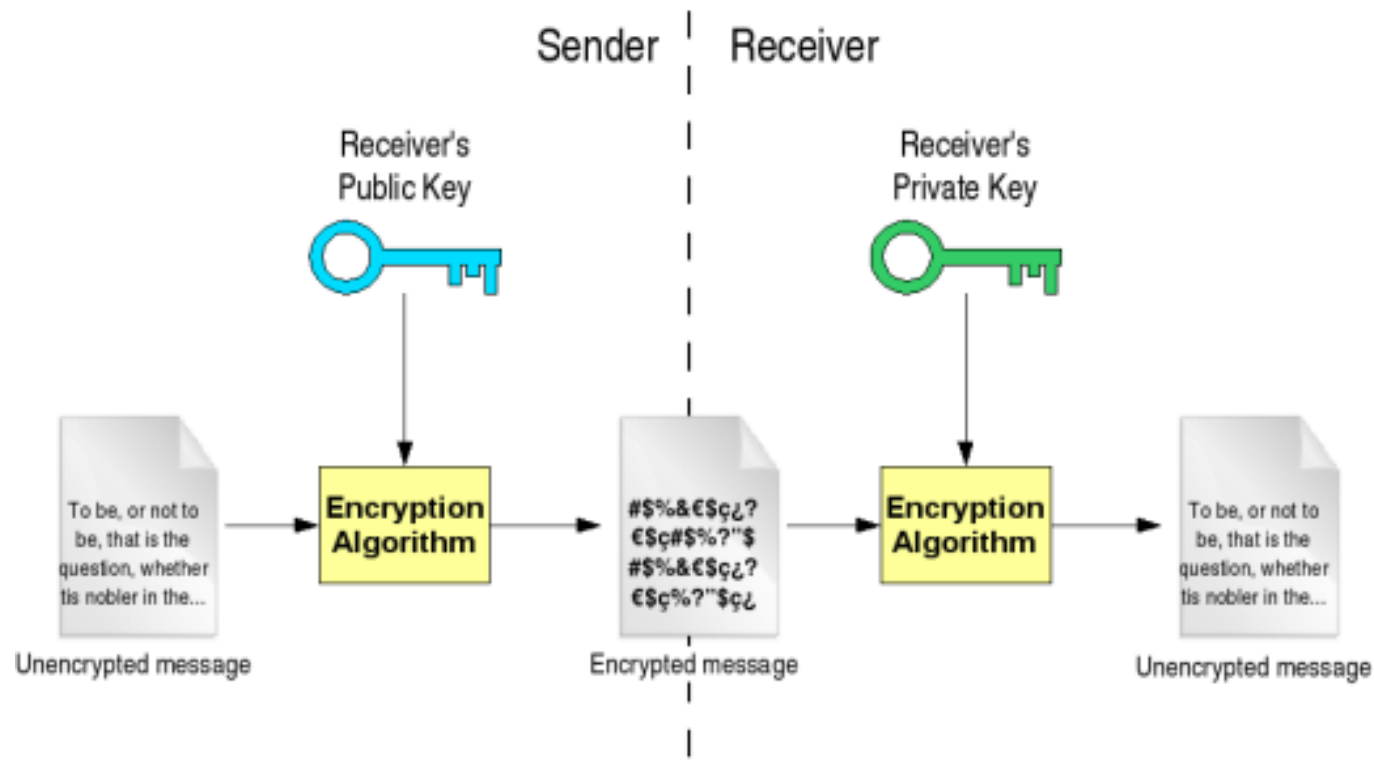
Globus Security

- **Certificates - Central concept in GSI**
 - Information vital to identifying and authenticating user/service
 - Distinguished Name – unique Grid id for user/service
 - "/DC=org/DC=doegrids/OU=People/CN=Raj Kettimuthu 227852"
- **Certificate Authority (CA)**
 - Trusted 3rd party that confirms identity
- **Host credential**
 - Long term credential
- **User credential**
 - Passphrase protected



Authentication

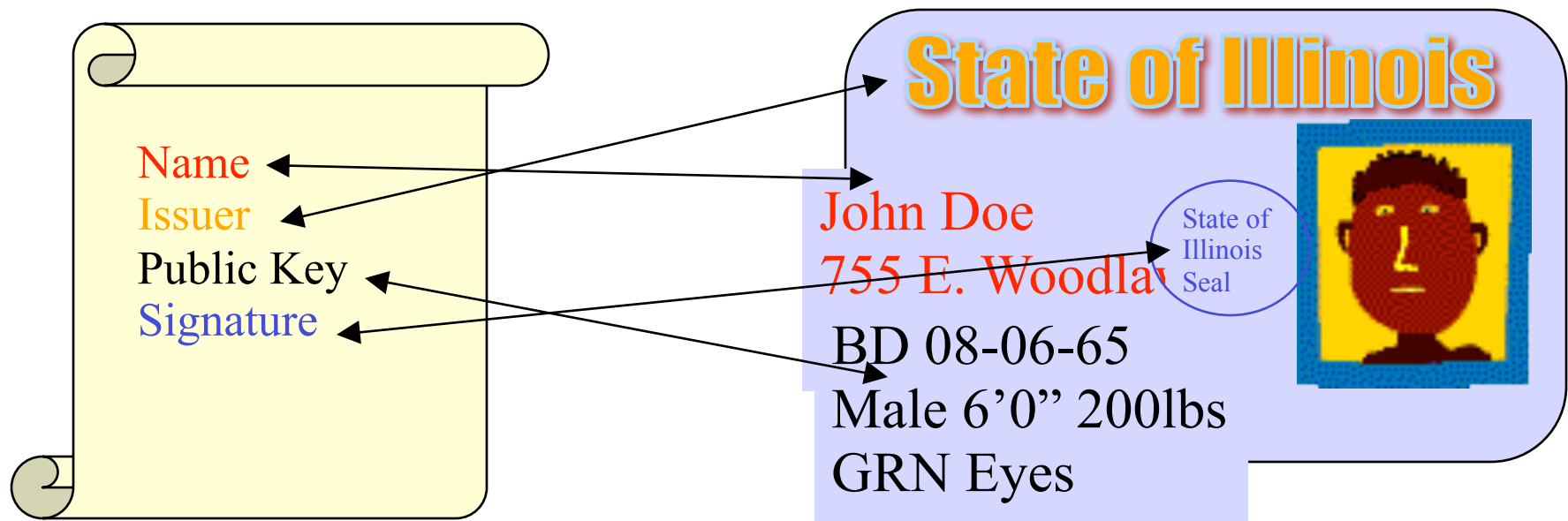
- Private Key - known only by owner
- Public Key- known to everyone
- What one key encrypts, the other decrypts





Authentication using Digital Certificates

- Digital document that certifies a public key is owned by a particular user
- Signed by 3rd party – the Certificate Authority (CA)
- X509 standard



To know if you should trust the certificate, you have to trust the CA

Digital Signatures

Used to determine if the data has been tampered

Also, identify who signed the data

Digital signatures are generated by

- Creating secure hash of the data

- encrypting the hash with private key

The resulting encrypted data is the signature

This hash can then be decrypted only by the
corresponding public key

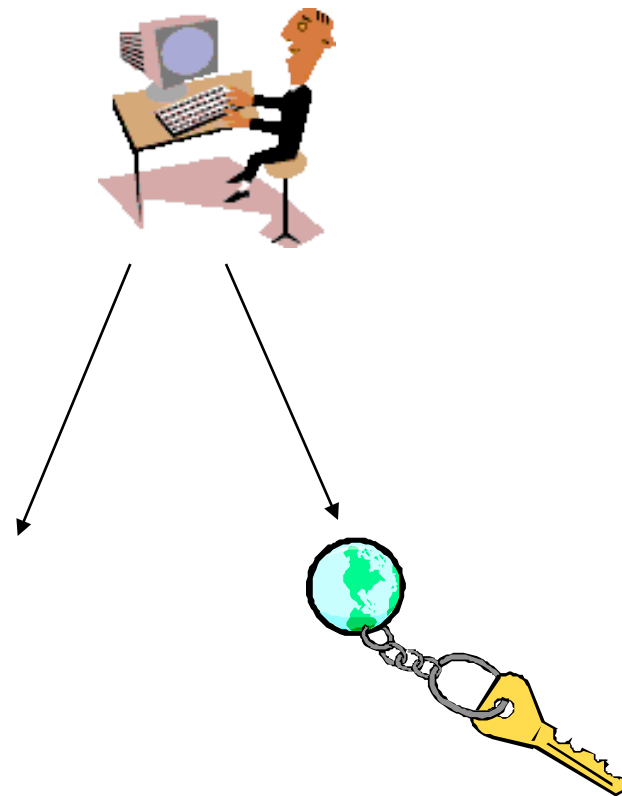


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Requesting a Certificate

- To request a certificate a user starts by generating a key pair



Private Key

Public Key

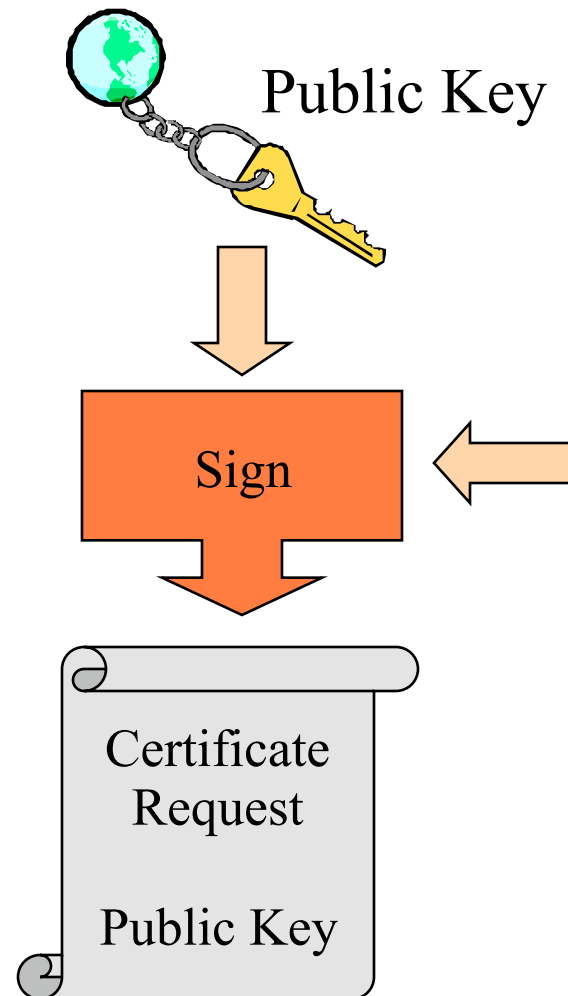


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Certificate Request

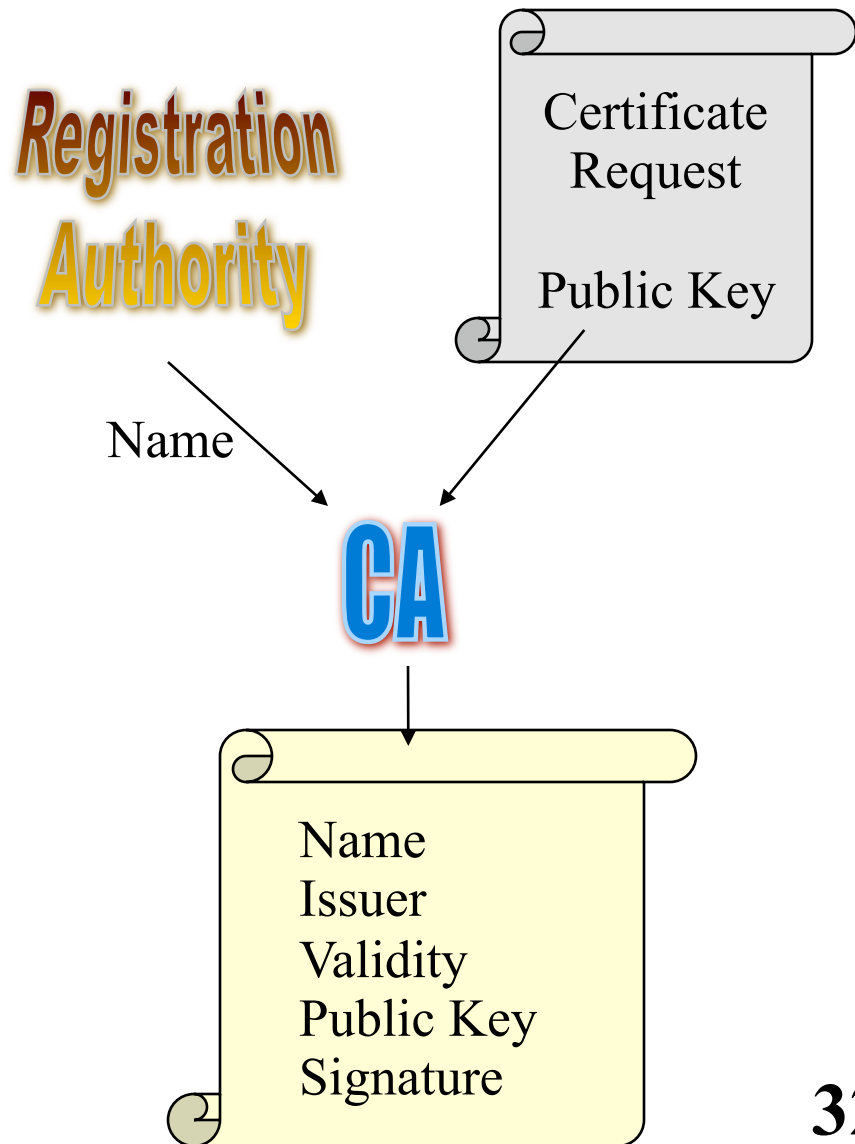
- The user signs their own public key to form what is called a Certificate Request
- Email/Web upload
- Note private key is never sent anywhere





Certificate Issuance

- The CA then creates, signs and issues a certificate for the user, combining the public key and the identity



Examples of CAs

- GILDA CA
 - An online service that issues low-quality certificates. You have used GILDA CA.
- SimpleCA
 - part of Globus Toolkit. Simple to use.
- DOEgrids CA
 - production CA often used by users of the Open Science Grid
- MyProxy CA
 - part of Globus Toolkit

Proxy Certificates

X.509 Proxy Certificates are our extension
Standardized in IETF

Allow for dynamic delegation

Proxy credentials are short-lived credentials
created by user

Proxy signed by user certificate private key

Stored unencrypted for easy repeated access

Delegation

Enabling another entity to run on behalf of you

E.g Service that runs a job needs to transfer files.

Ensure

- Limited lifetime

- Limited capability

GSI uses proxy certificates for delegation

Authorization

Establishing rights of an identity

Can user do some action on some resource

Identity based authorization

Establish identity using authentication

Check policy to see what identity can do

Eg: Gridmap authorization a list of mappings from
allowed DNs to user name

`"/DC=org/DC=doegrids/OU=People/CN=Raj Kettimuthu 227852" kettimut`

Identity based authorization may not scale

Attribute based authorization

Attributes are information about an entity

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GSI Stack

- GSI uses a standard PKI for identity certificates.
- Each entity (user, service) has an X.509 certificate from a CA that uniquely names it.



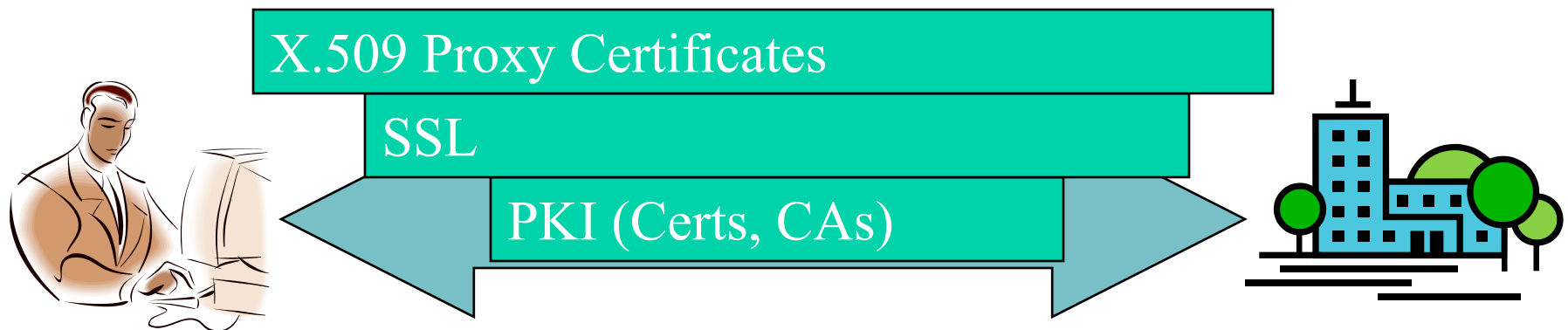
GSI Stack

- SSL, using the certificates, is used as the network protocol
 - Performs authentication, like in the web, but client as well as server
 - Also provides message protection as needed (integrity, encryption)



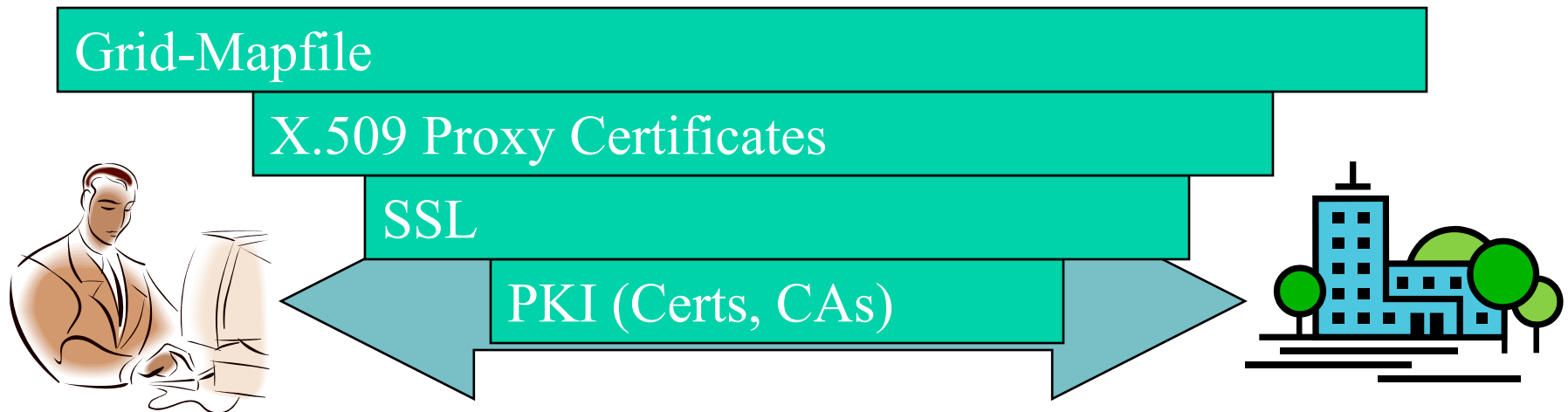
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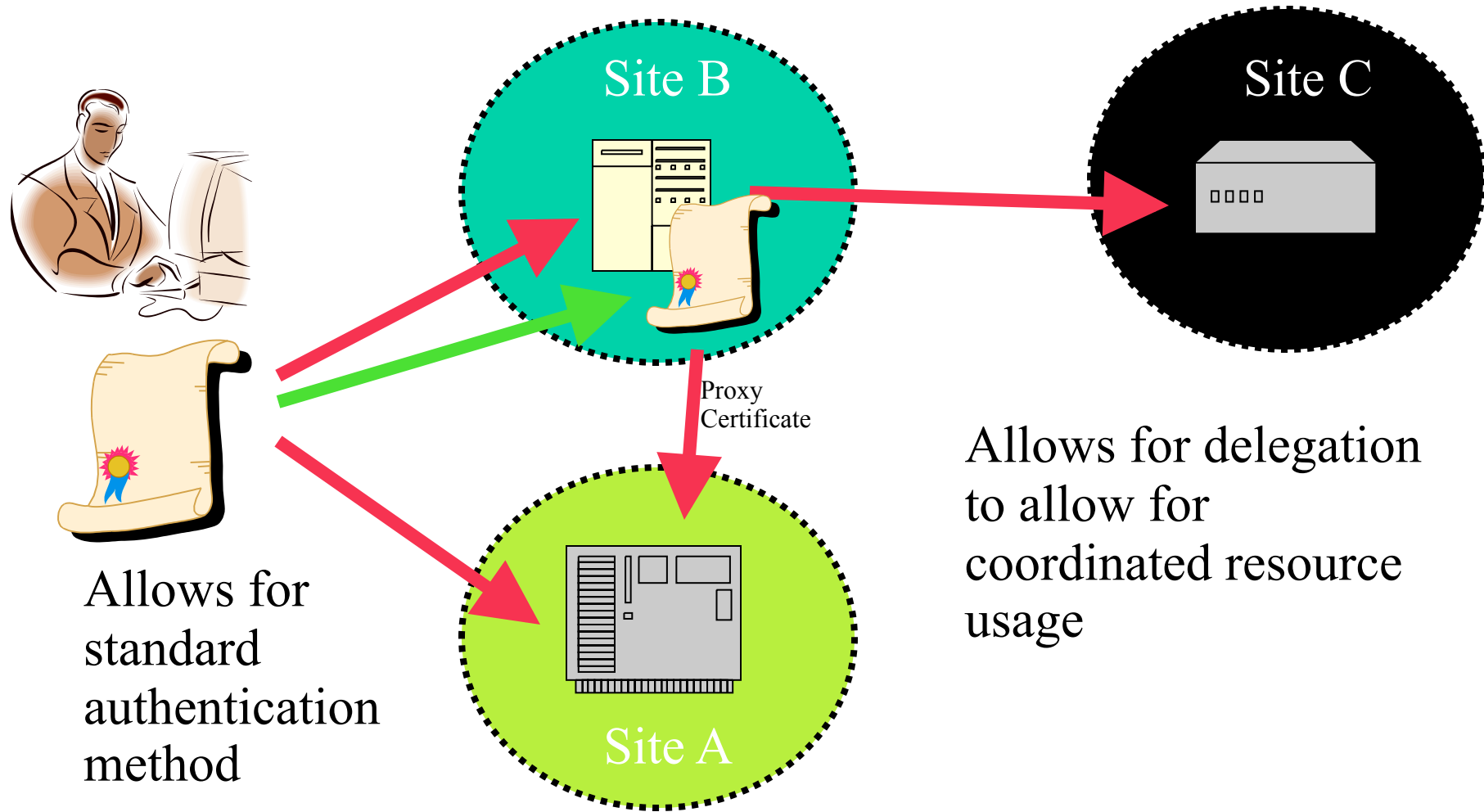


GSI Stack

- Grid-Mapfile maps Grid users (identified by certificates) to local users (e.g. Unix account)
- Allows authorization using normal local methods (e.g. filesystem perms, quotas)



GSI-Enabled Coordination

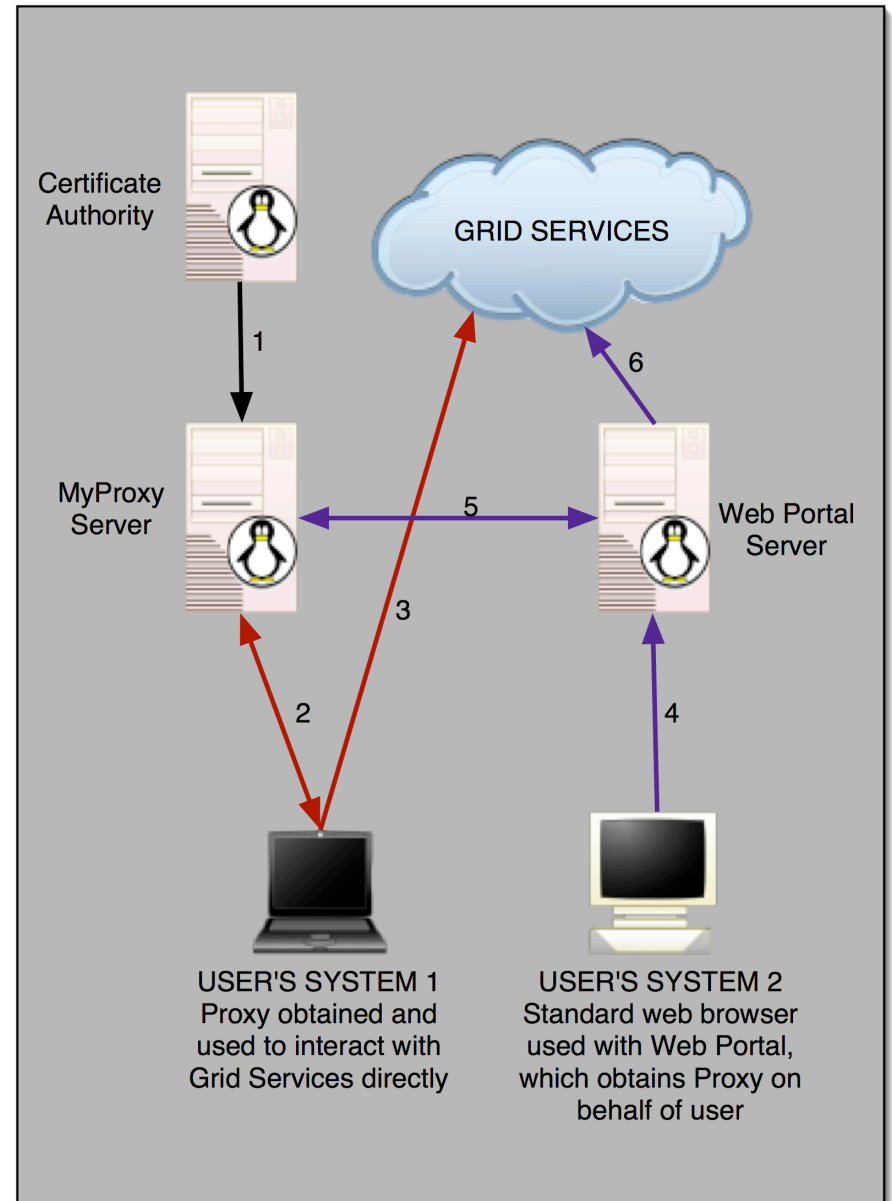




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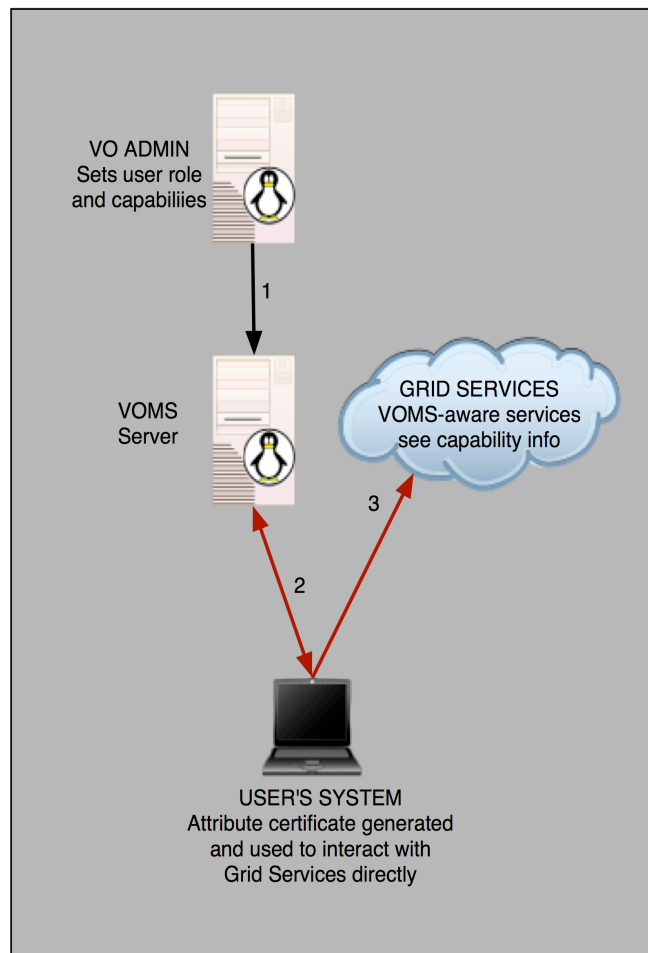
Globus and Delegation: MyProxy

- Remote service that stores user credentials
 - Users request proxies for local use
 - Web Portals request user proxies for use with back-end Grid services
- Grid administrators can pre-load credentials in the server for users to retrieve when needed





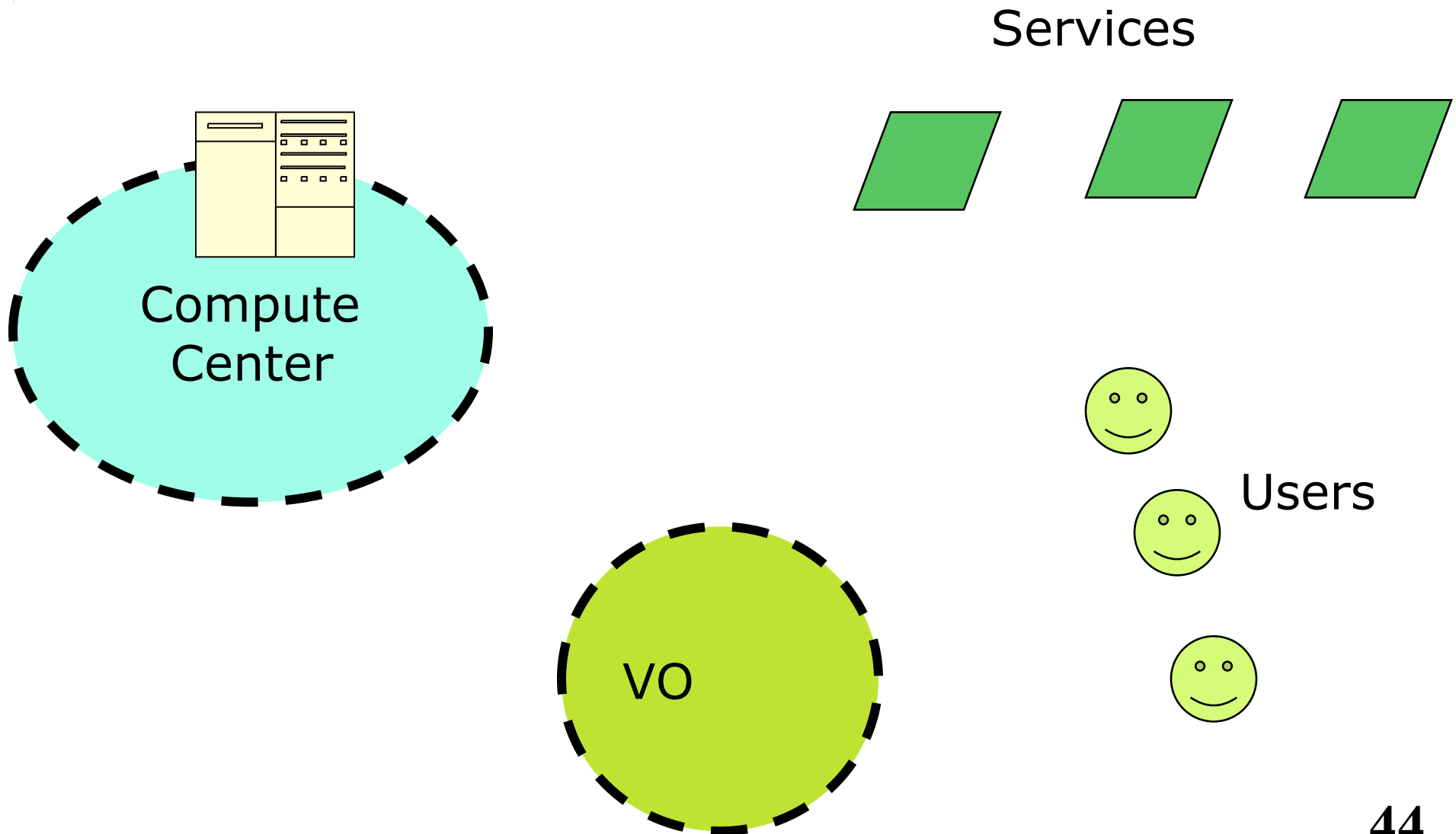
VOMS



- A community-level group membership system
- Database of user roles
 - Administrative tools
 - Client interface
- voms-proxy-init
 - Uses client interface to produce an attribute certificate (instead of proxy) that includes roles & capabilities signed by VOMS server
 - Works with non-VOMS services, but gives more info to VOMS-aware services
- Allows VOs to centrally manage user roles

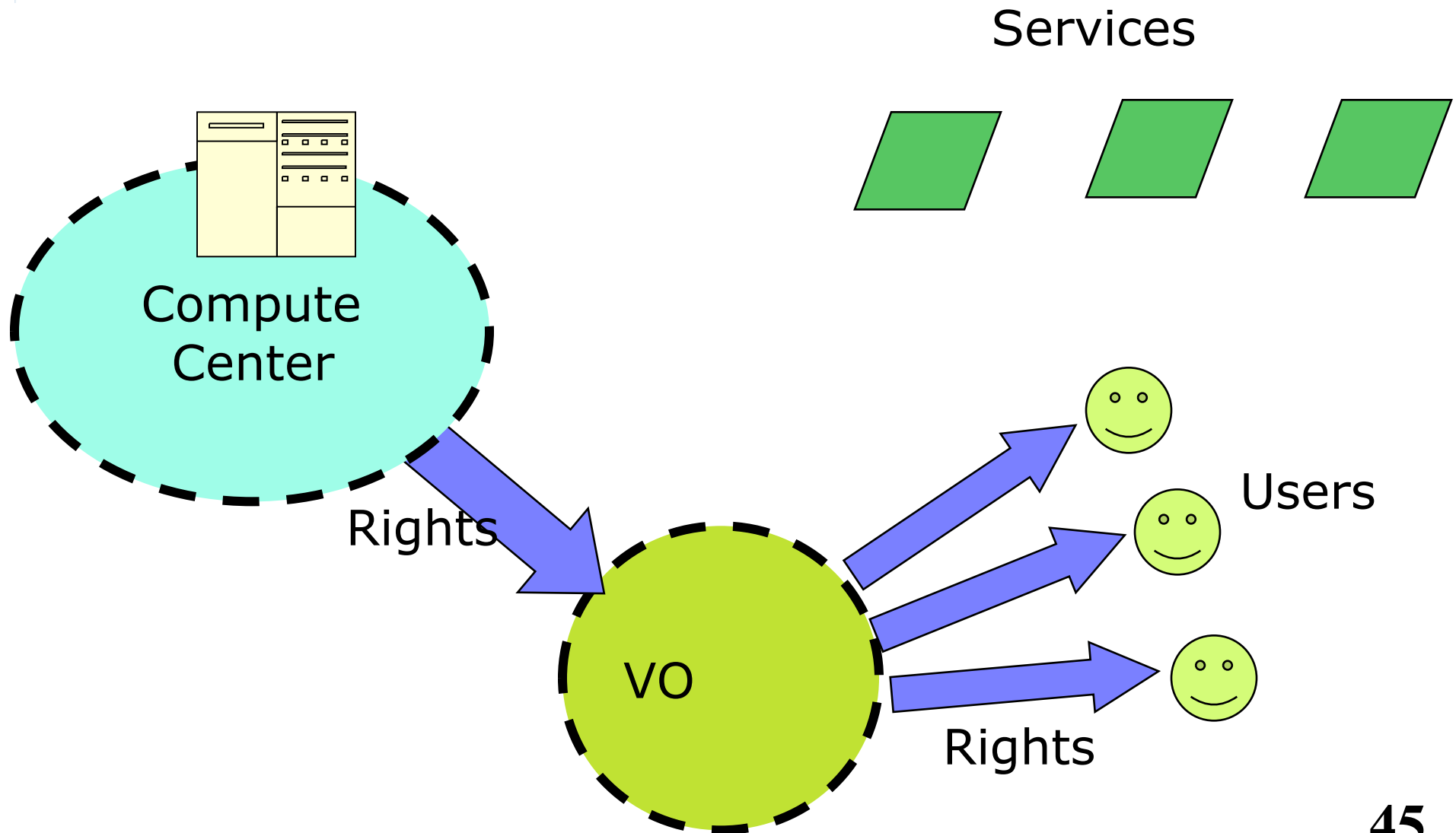


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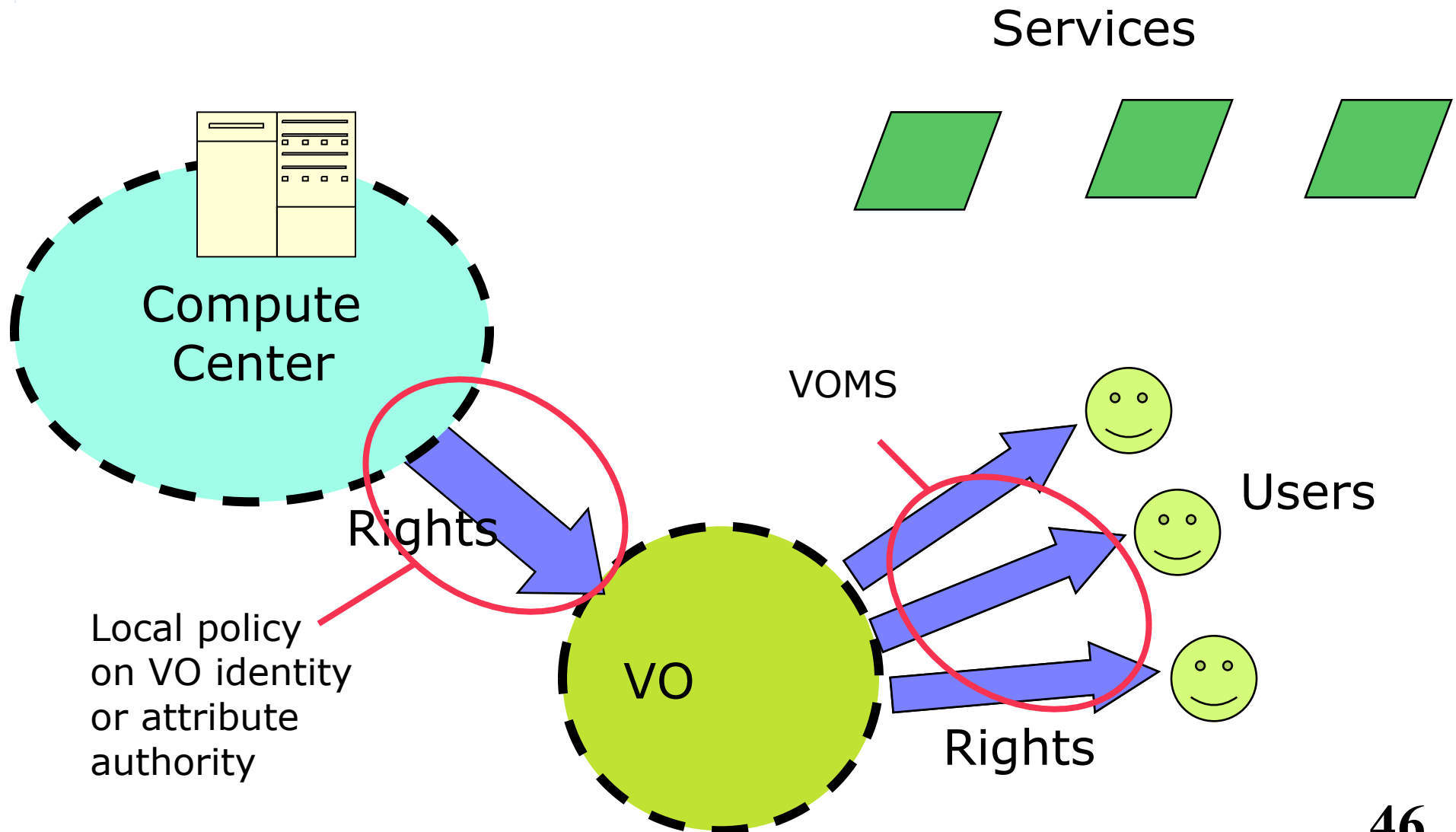


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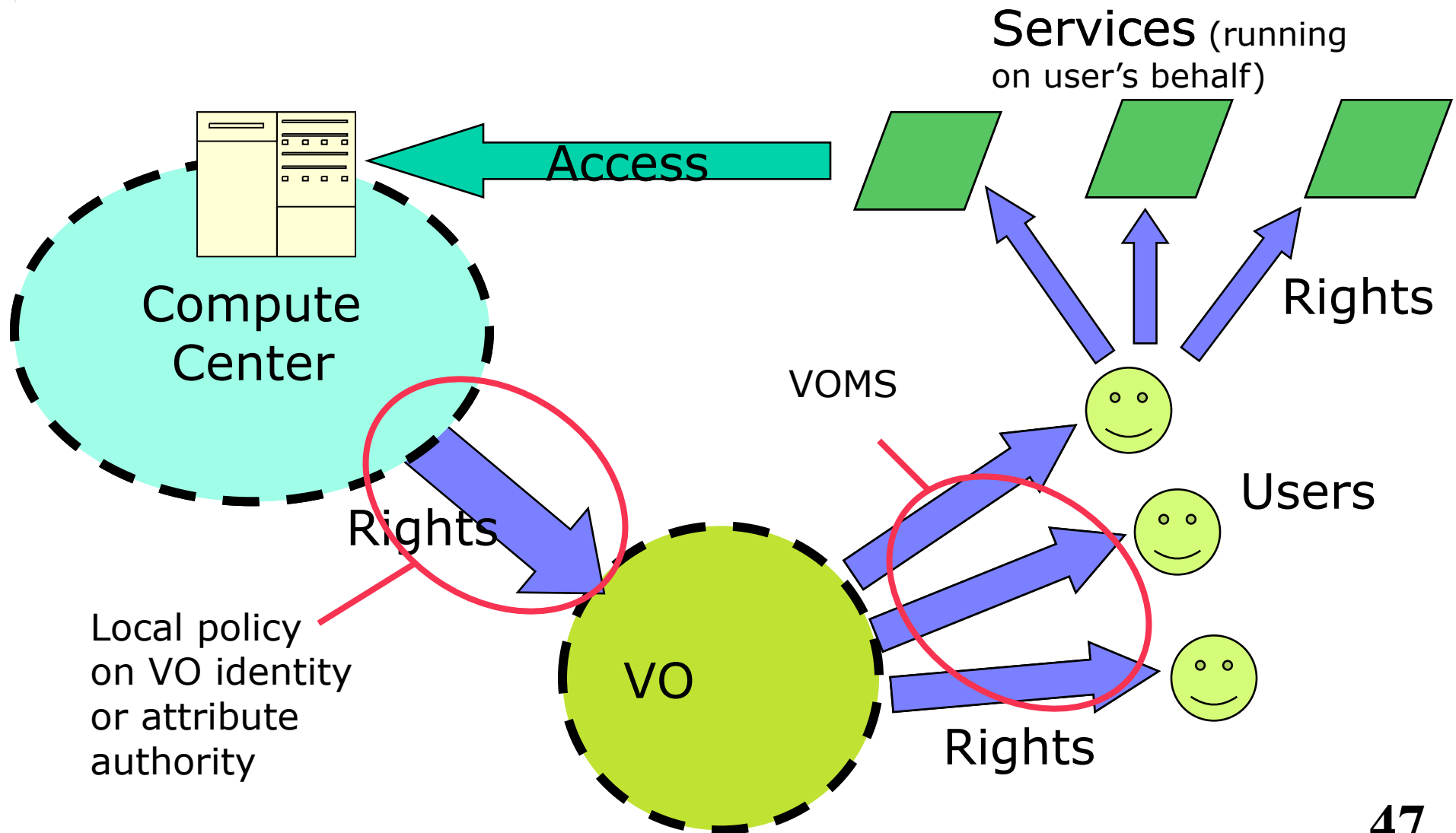


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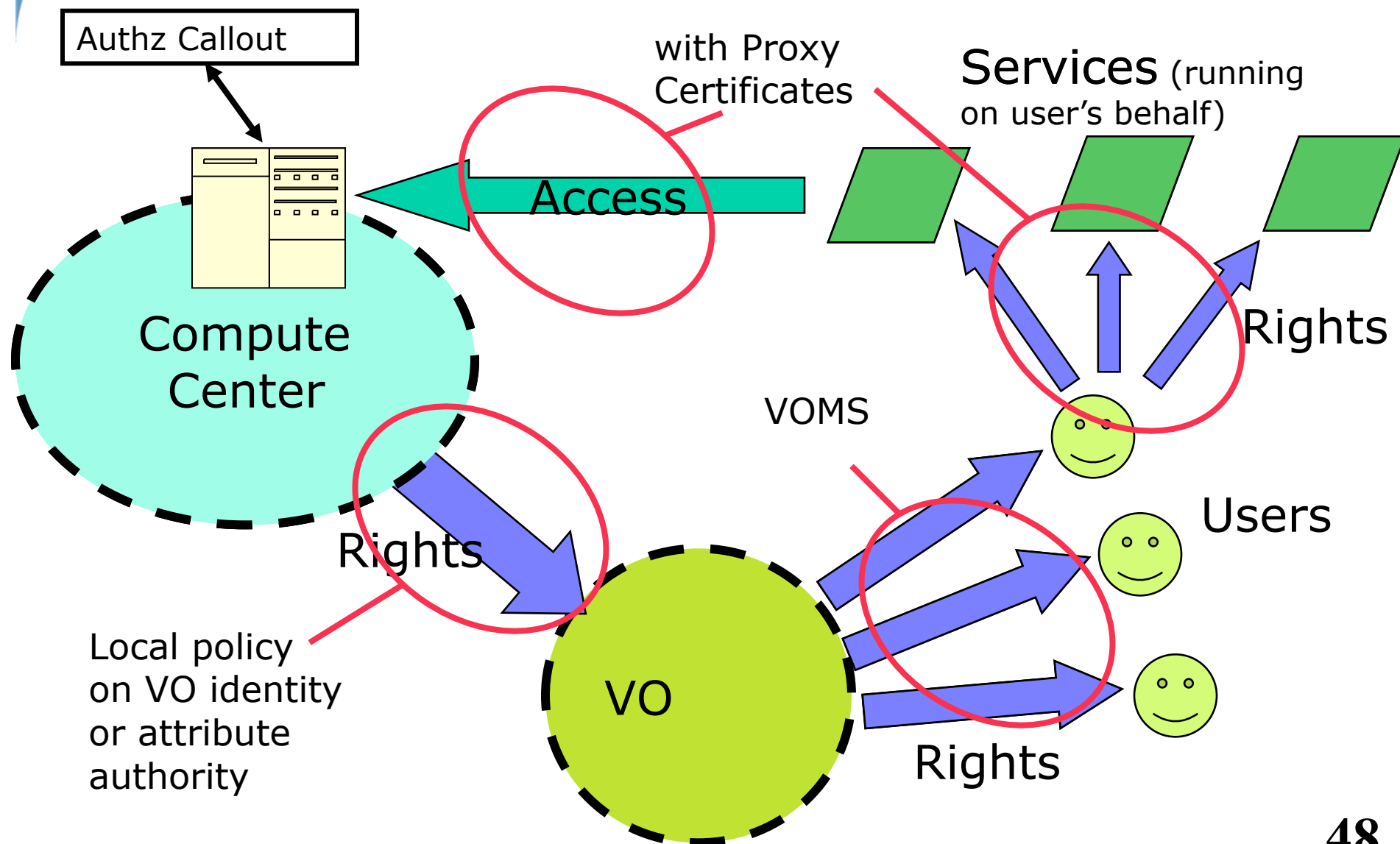


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A Cautionary Note

- Grid security mechanisms are tedious to set up
 - If exposed to users, hand-holding is usually required
 - These mechanisms can be *hidden* from end users, but still used behind the scenes
- These mechanisms exist for good reasons.
 - Many useful things can't be done without Grid security
 - It is unlikely that an ambitious project could go into production operation without security like this
 - Most successful projects end up using Grid security, but using it in ways that end users don't see much



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File Management

- **Stage/move** large data to/from nodes
 - GridFTP for basic file movement
- **Locate** data of interest
 - Replica Location Service (RLS)

What is GridFTP?

High-performance, reliable data transfer protocol
optimized for high-bandwidth wide-area
networks

Based on FTP protocol - defines extensions for
high-performance operation and security

Standardized through Open Grid Forum (OGF)

GridFTP is the OGF recommended data movement
protocol

GridFTP

We (Globus Alliance) provide a reference implementation:

- Server

- Client tools (globus-url-copy)

- Development Libraries

Multiple independent implementations can interoperate

- Fermi Lab and U. Virginia have home grown servers that work with ours

Performance

Parallel TCP streams, optimal TCP buffer

Non TCP protocol such as UDT

Cluster-to-cluster data movement

Multiple security options

Anonymous, password, SSH, GSI

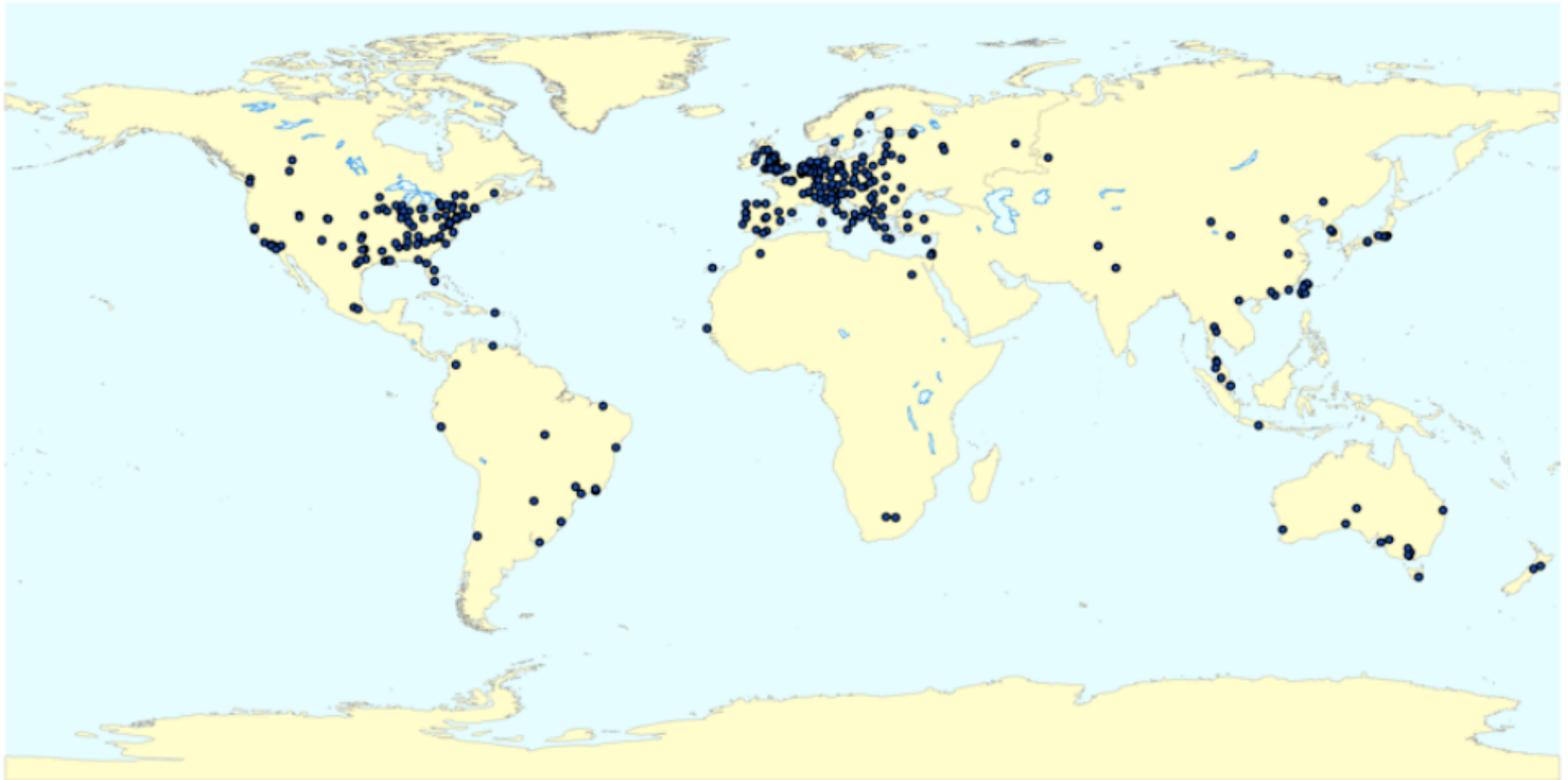
Support for reliable and restartable transfers



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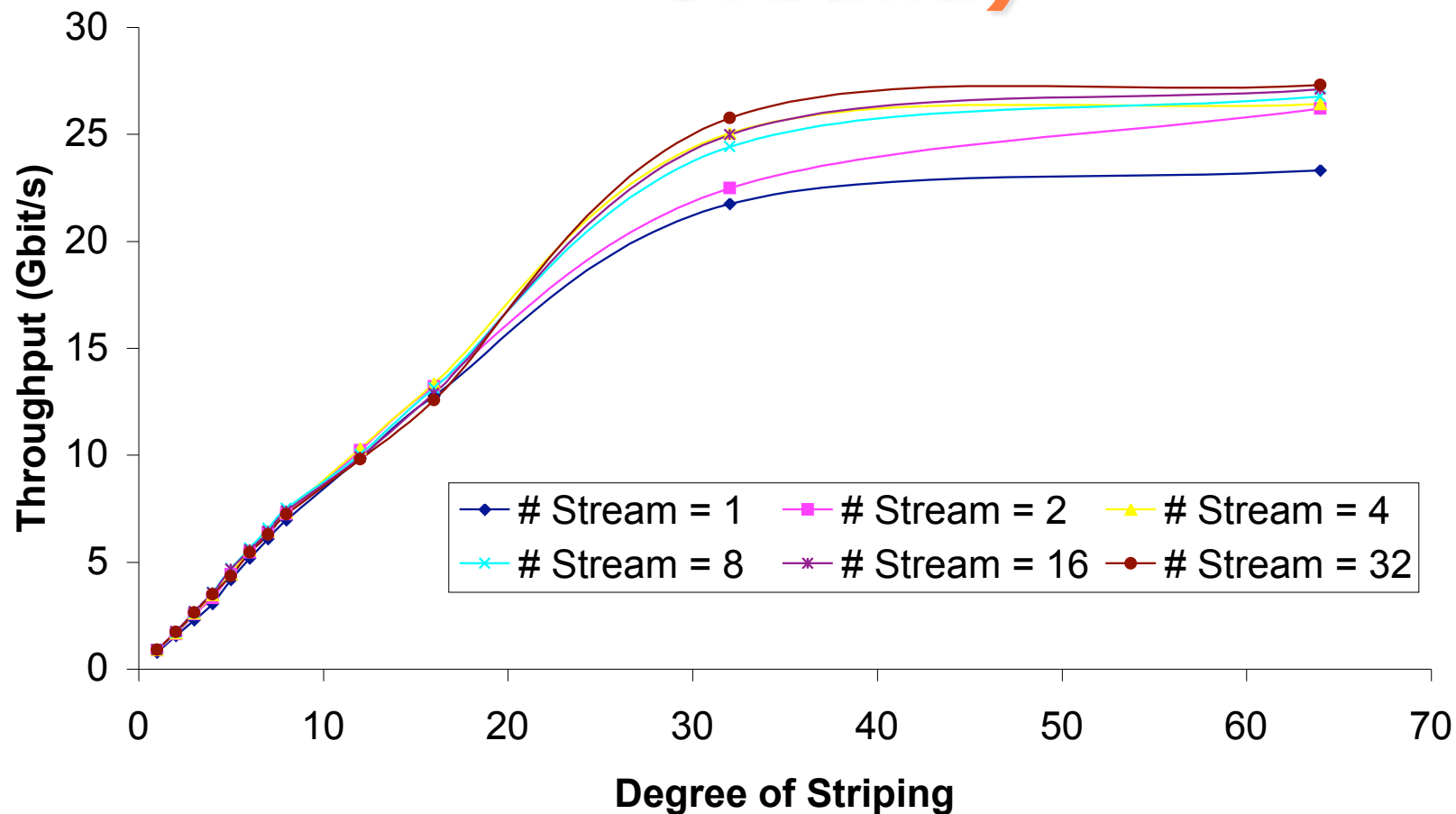
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GridFTP Servers Around the World



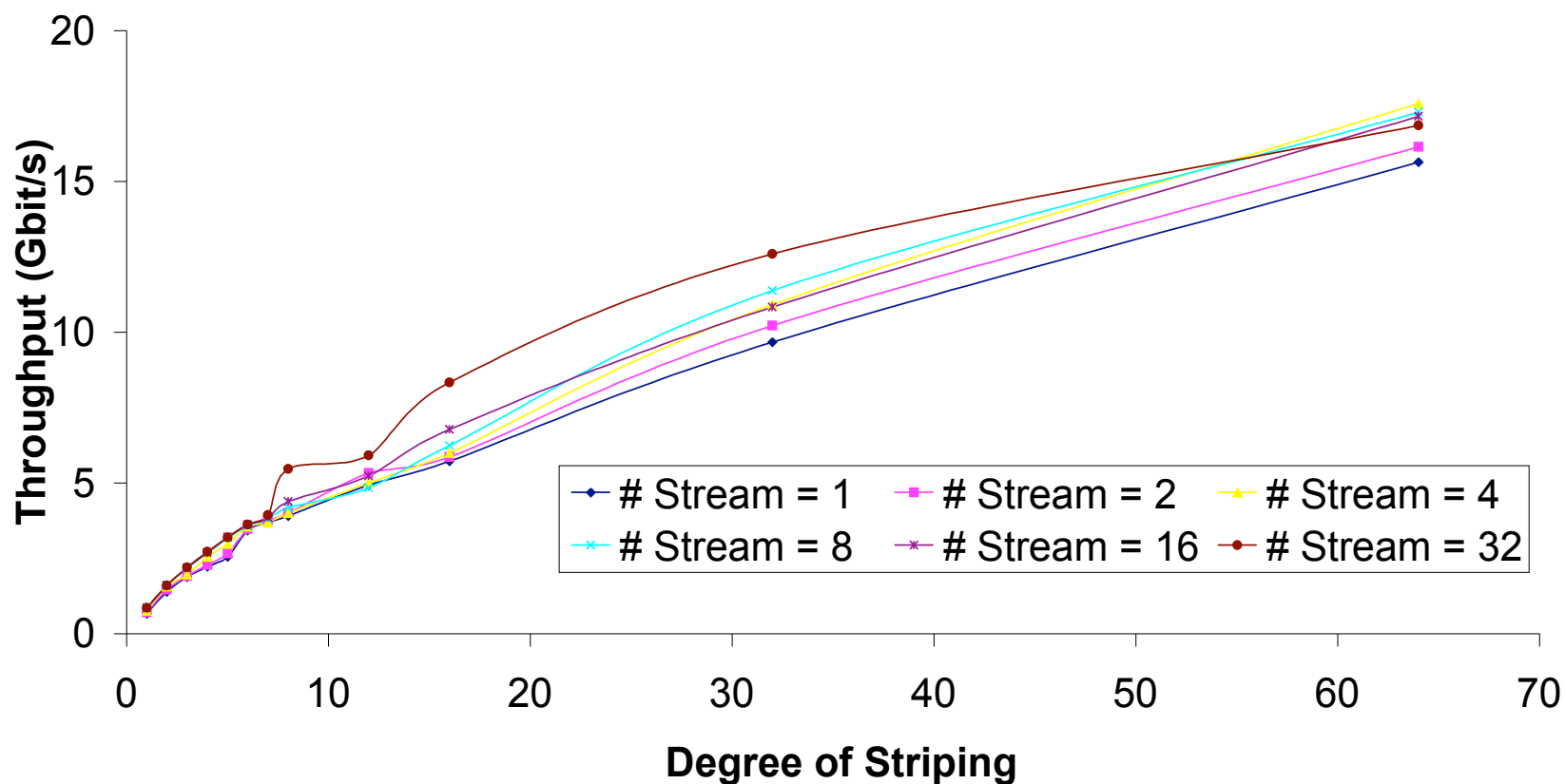
Created by Tim Pinkawa (Northern Illinois University) using MaxMind's GeoIP technology (<http://www.maxmind.com/app/ip-locate>).

Memory to Memory over 30 Gigabit/s Network (San Diego — Urbana)





Disk to Disk over 30 Gigabit/s Network (San Diego — Urbana)





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Understanding GridFTP

Two channel protocol like FTP

Control Channel

Command/Response

Used to establish data channels

Basic file system operations eg. mkdir, delete etc

Data channel

Pathway over which *file* is transferred

Many different underlying protocols can be used

MODE command determines the protocol

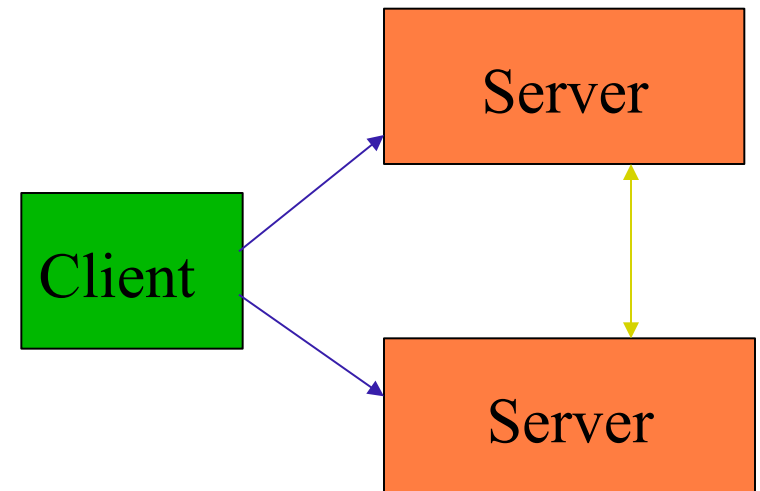
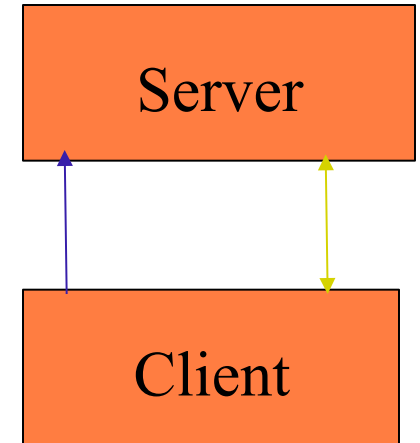
Client/Server and 3rd Party Transfers

Two party transfer

The client connects and forms a CC with the server
Information is exchanged to establish the DC
A file is transferred over the DC

Third party transfer

Client initiates data transfer between 2 servers
Client forms CC with 2 servers.
Information is routed through the client to establish DC between the two servers.
Data flows directly between servers
Client is notified by each server SPI when the transfer is complete





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Control Channel Establishment

Server listens on a well-known port (2811)

Client form a TCP Connection to server

220 banner message

Authentication

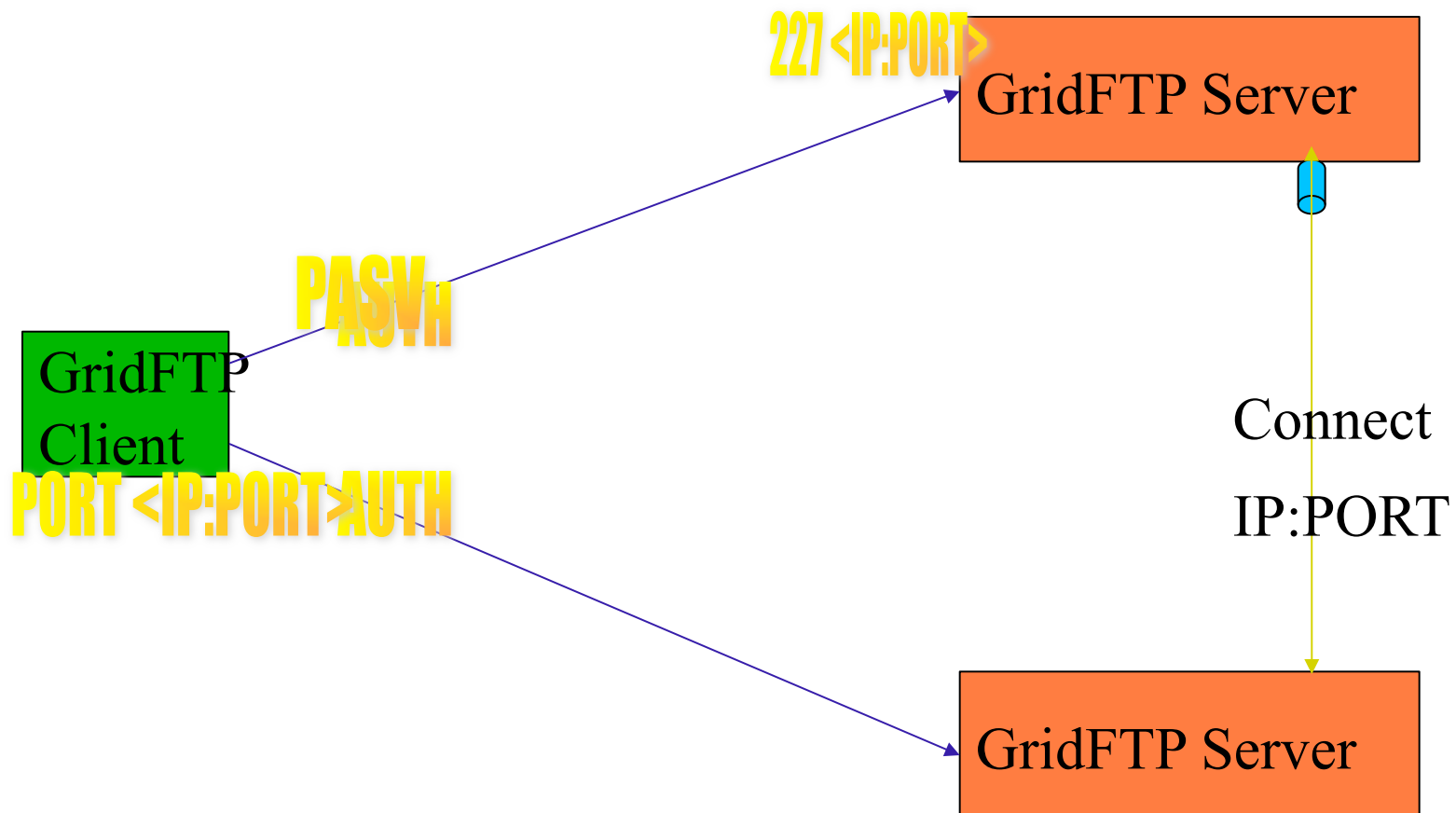
- Anonymous

- Clear text USER <username>/PASS <pw>

- Base 64 encoded GSI handshake

230 Accepted/530 Rejected

Data Channel Establishment



Data Channel Protocols

MODE Command

Allows the client to select the data channel protocol

MODE S

Stream mode, no framing
Legacy RFC959

MODE E

GridFTP extension
Parallel TCP streams
Data channel caching

Descriptor (8 bits)	Size (64 bits)	Offset (64 bits)
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Globus-url-copy

Command line scriptable client

Globus does not provide an interactive client

Commonly used client for GridFTP

Syntax overview

```
globus-url-copy [options] srcURL dstURL
```

```
guc gsiftp://localhost/foo file:///bar
```

Client/server, using FTP stream mode

```
guc -vb -dbg -tcp-bs 1048576 -p 8 gsiftp://localhost/  
foo gsiftp://localhost/bar
```

3rd party transfer, MODE E

URL rules

```
protocol://[user:pass@][host]/path
```

host can be anything resolvable - IP address, localhost,
DNS name

Security Options

Clear text (RFC 959)

Username/password

Anonymous mode (anonymous/<email addr>)

Password file

SSHFTP

Use ssh/sshd to form the control connection

GSIFTP

Authenticate control and data channels with GSI

User Permissions

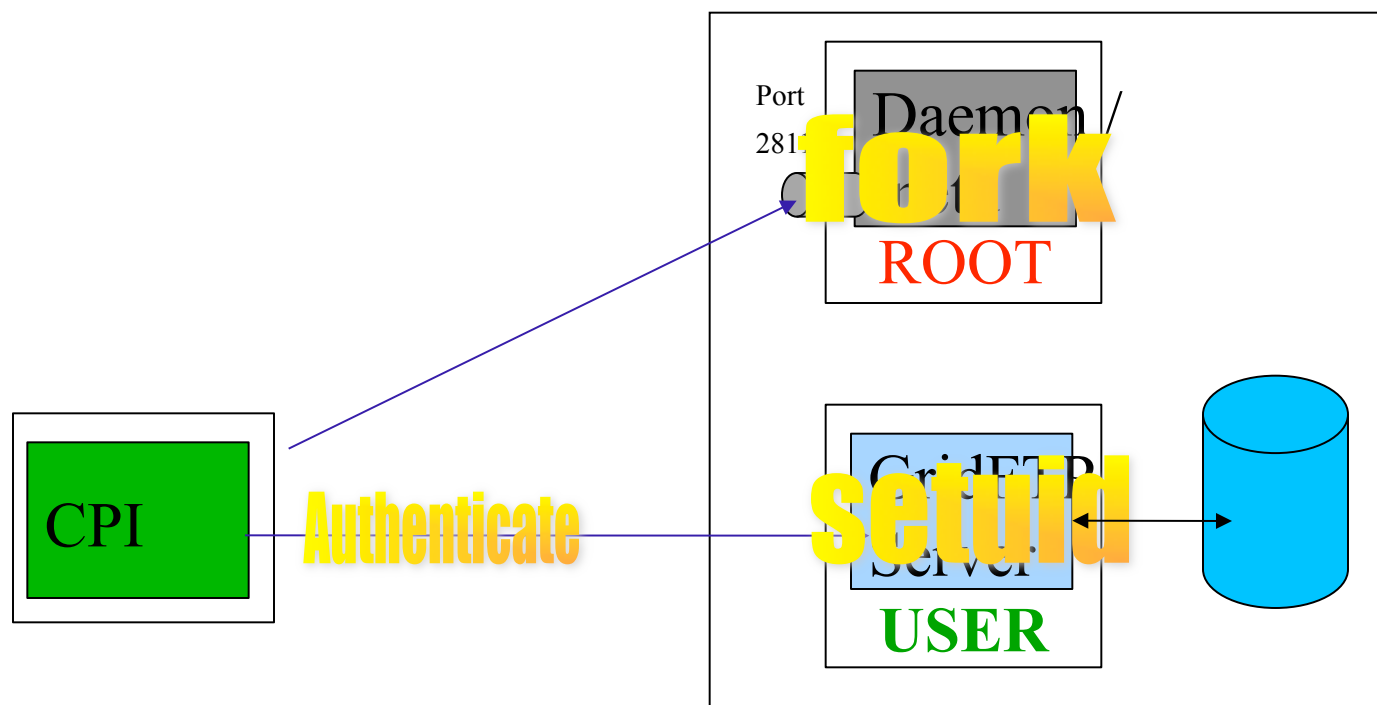
User is mapped to a local account and file permissions are handled by the OS
inetd or daemon mode

Daemon mode - GridFTP server is started by hand and listens for connections on port 2811

Inetd/xinetd - super server daemon that manages internet services

Inetd can be configured to start up a GridFTP server upon receiving a connection on port 2811

inetd/daemon Interactions



GridFTP Over SSH

sshd acts similar to inetd

control channel is routed over ssh

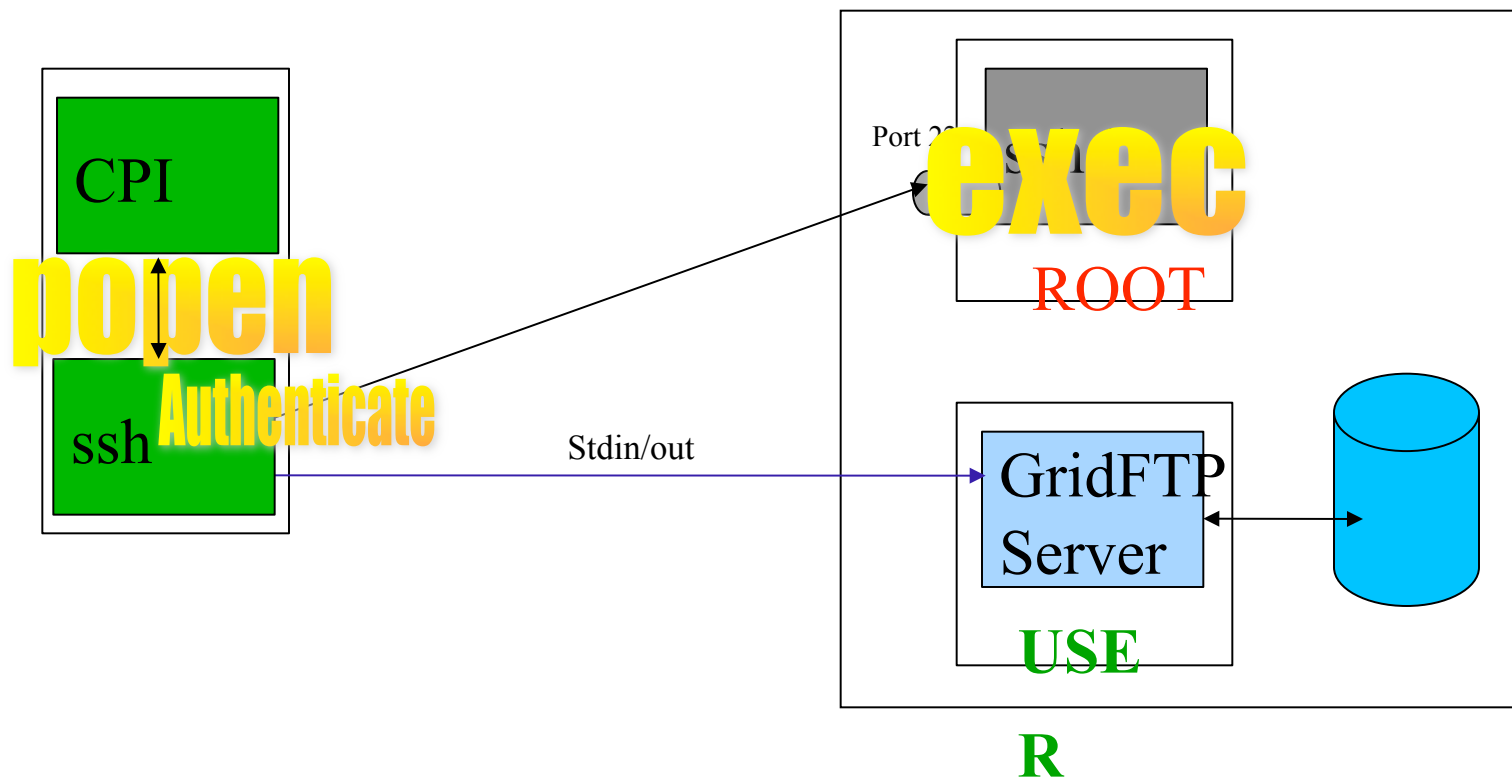
globus-url-copy *popens* ssh

ssh authenticates with sshd

ssh/sshd remotely starts the GridFTP server as
user

stdin/out becomes the control channel

sshftp:// Interactions



GSI Authentication

Strong security on both channels

SSH does not give us data channel security

Delegation

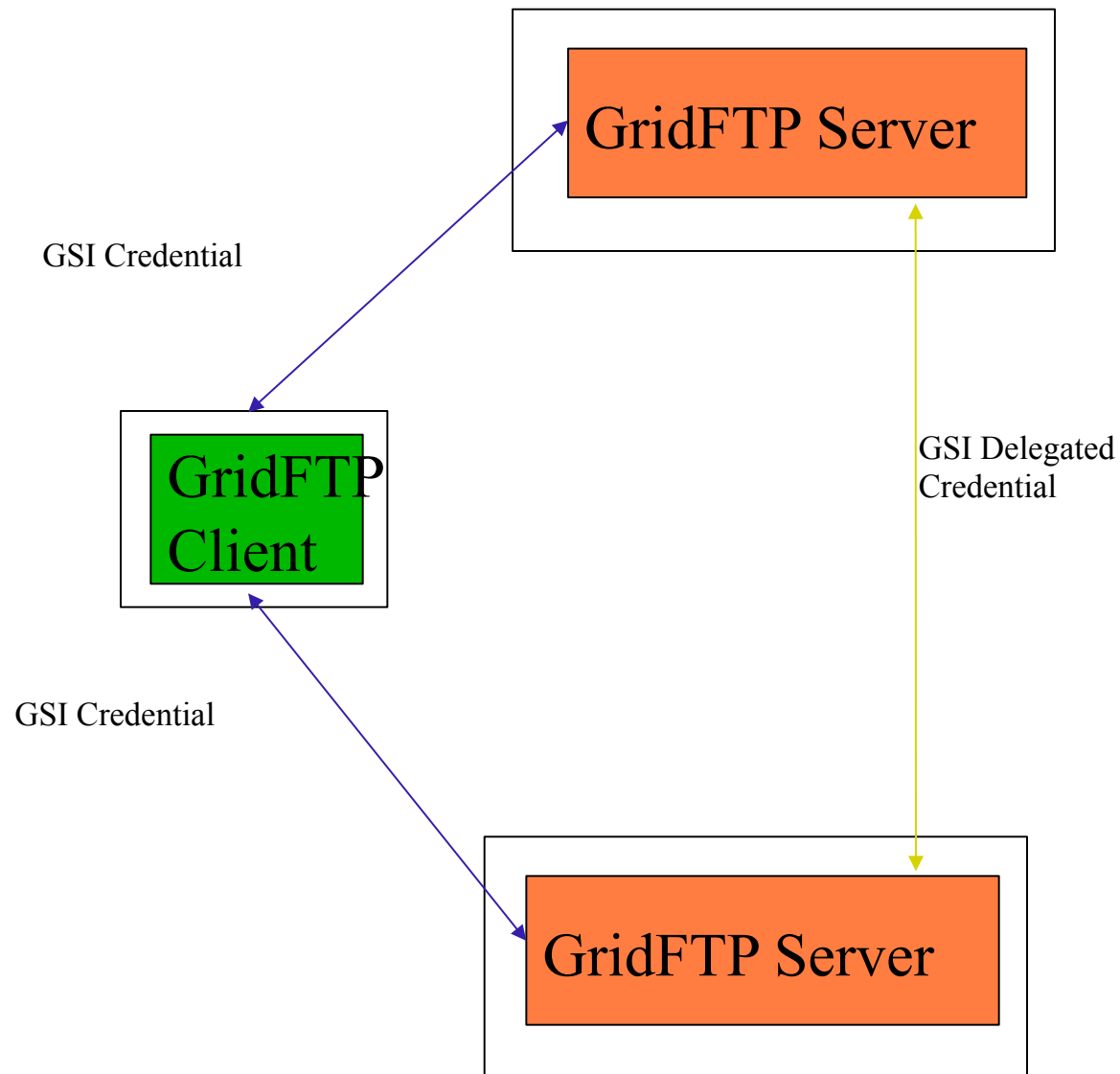
Authenticates DC on clients behalf

Flexibility for grid services such as RFT

Agents can authenticate to GridFTP servers on users behalf

Enables encryption, integrity on data channel

GSI Authentication



Troubleshooting

Can I get connected?

telnet to the port: telnet hostname port
2811 is the default port

You should get something like this:

<add GridFTP banner>

If not, you have firewall problems, or server config problems.

Setting TCP buffer sizes

It is critical to use the optimal TCP send and receive socket buffer sizes for the link you are using.

Recommended size to fill the pipe

$2 \times \text{Bandwidth Delay Product (BDP)}$

Recommended size to leave some bandwidth for others

around 20% of $(2 \times \text{BDP}) = .4 * \text{BDP}$

Setting TCP buffer sizes

Default TCP buffer sizes are way too small for today's high speed networks

Until recently, default TCP send/receive buffers were typically 64 KB

tuned buffer to fill Argonne to LBL link: **8 MB**

125X bigger than the default buffer size

with default TCP buffers, you can only get a small % of the available bandwidth!

TCP tuning

Many OS's now include TCP autotuning

TCP send buffer starts at 64 KB

As the data transfer takes place, the buffer size is continuously re-adjusted up to max autotuning size

Default autotuning maximum buffers on Linux 2.6: 256K to 1MB, depending on version

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```

```
net.core.wmem_max = 16777216
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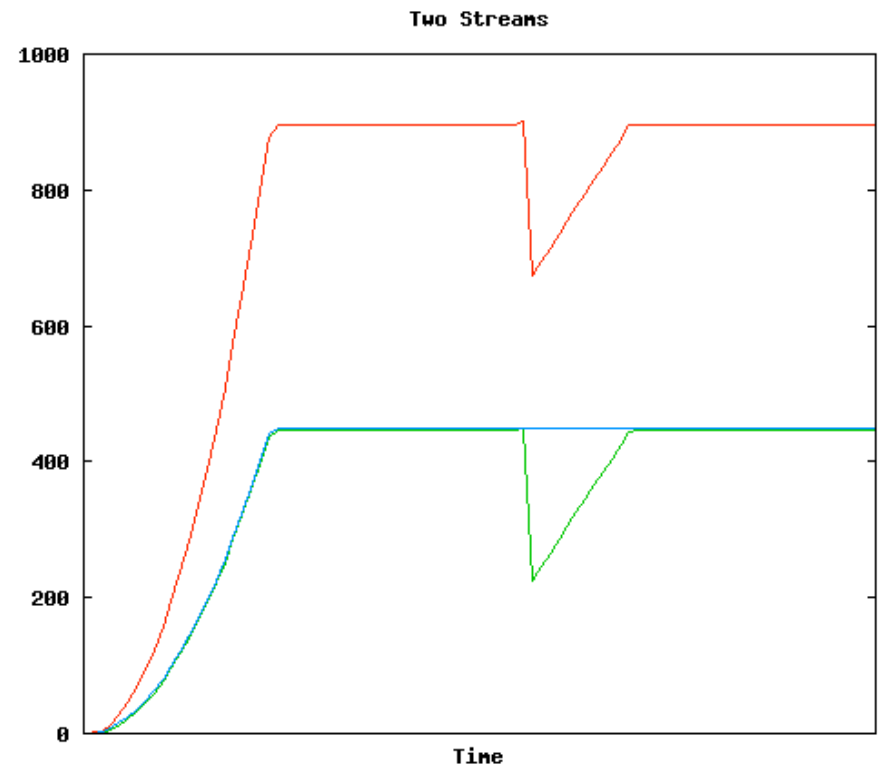
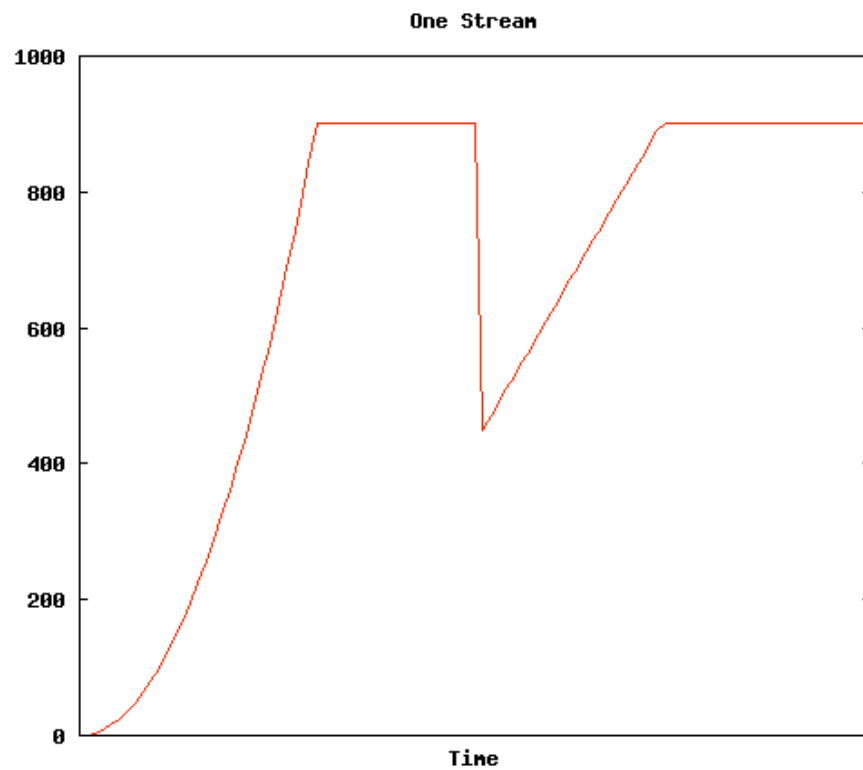
```
# autotuning min, default, and max number of bytes to use
```

```
net.ipv4.tcp_rmem = 4096 87380 16777216
```

```
net.ipv4.tcp_wmem = 4096 65536 16777216
```

<http://fasterdata.es.net/TCP-tuning/>

Parallel Streams



Parallel TCP Streams

Potentially unfair

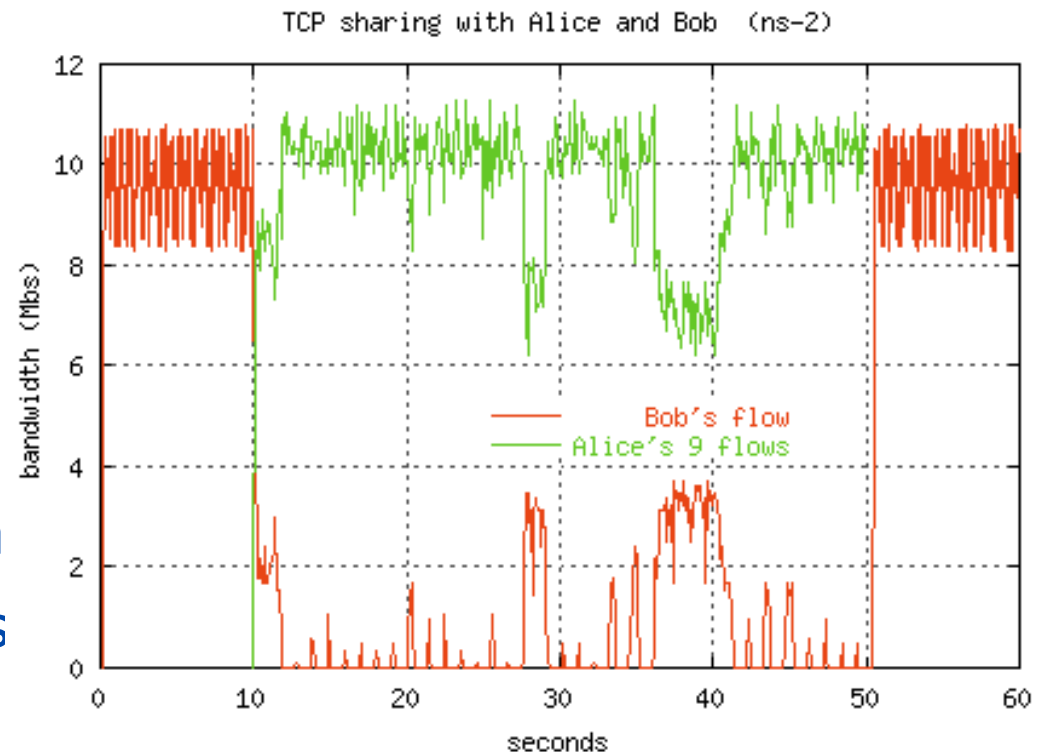
Reduces the severity of a congestion event

Only effects $1/p$ of the overall transfer

Faster recovery

Smaller size to recover

But they are necessary when you don't have root access and can't convince the sysadmin to increase the max TCP buffers



graph from Tom Dunigan, ORNL

Data channel caching

Establishing a data channel can be expensive

Round trips over high latency links

Security handshake can be expensive

Mode E introduces data channel caching

Mode S closes the connection to indicate end of data

Mode E uses meta data to indicate file barriers

Doesn't need to close

Descriptor (8 bits)	Size (64 bits)	Offset (64 bits)
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Data Channel Protocols

MODE Command

Allows the client to select the data channel protocol

MODE S

Stream mode, no framing
Legacy RFC959

MODE E

GridFTP extension
Parallel TCP streams
Data channel caching

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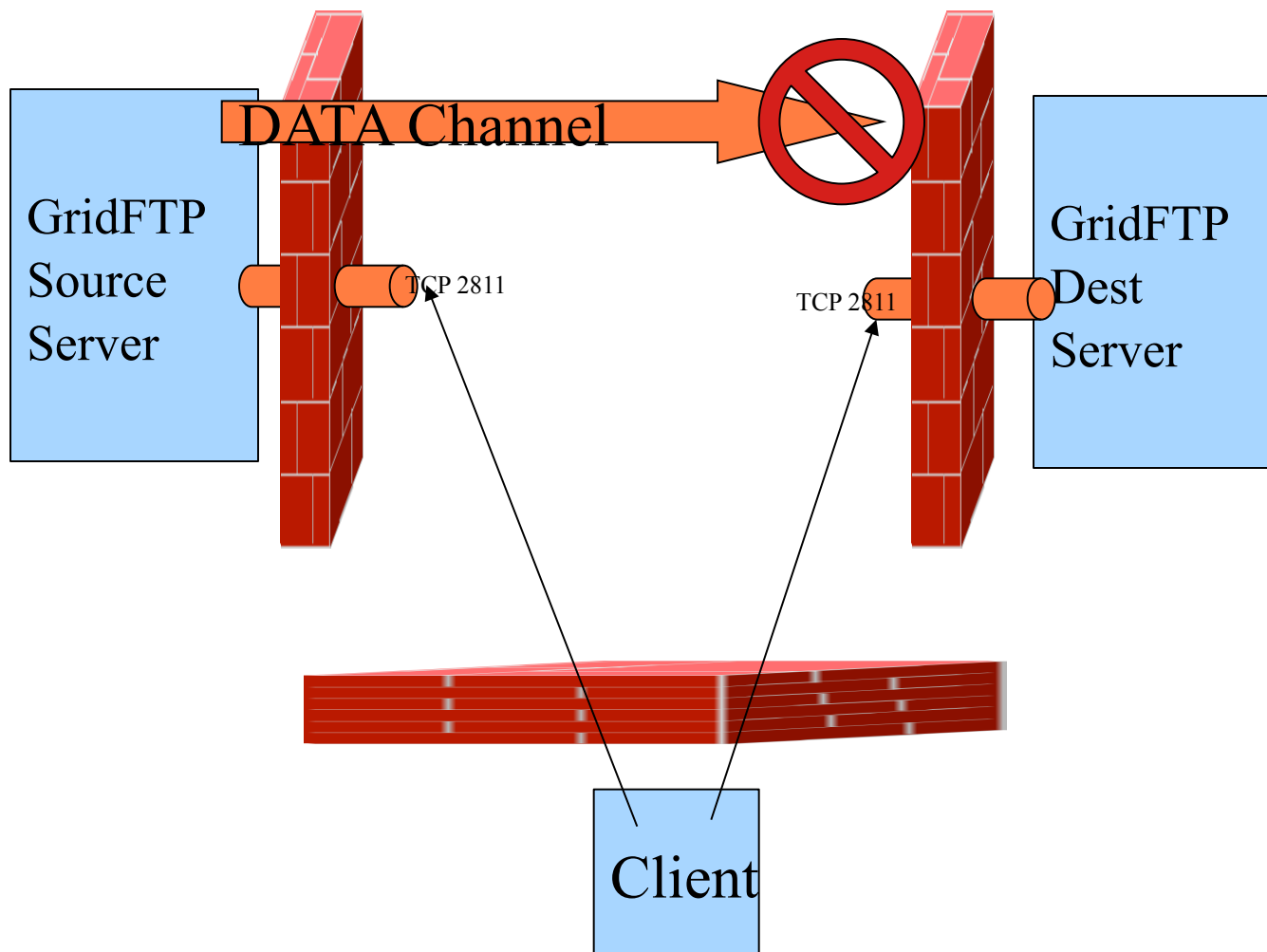
Firewall

Control channel port is statically assigned
Data channel ports dynamically assigned
Mode E requires that the data sender make an active connection



Firewall

- Outgoing allowed at sender, incoming blocked at receiver

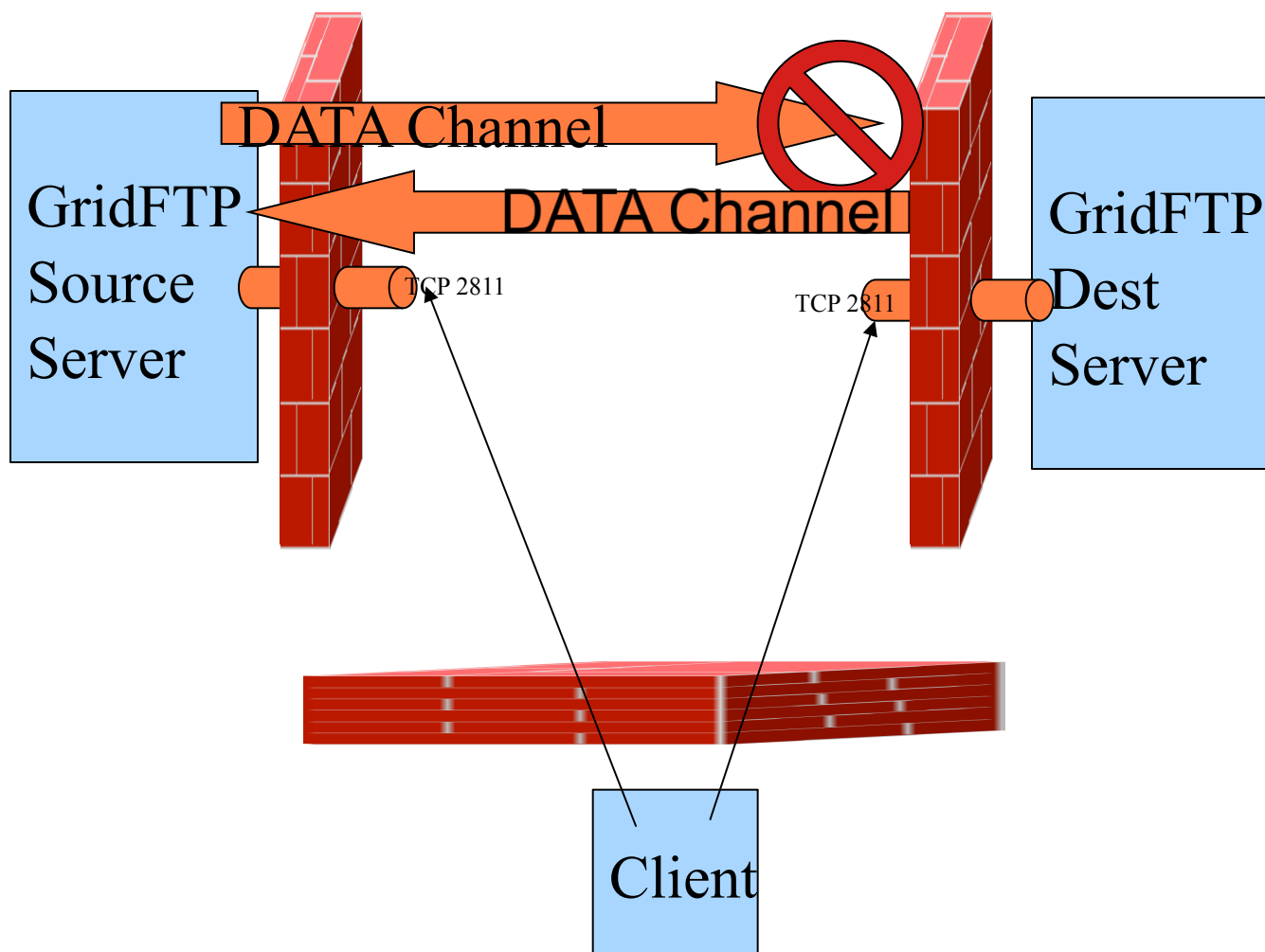




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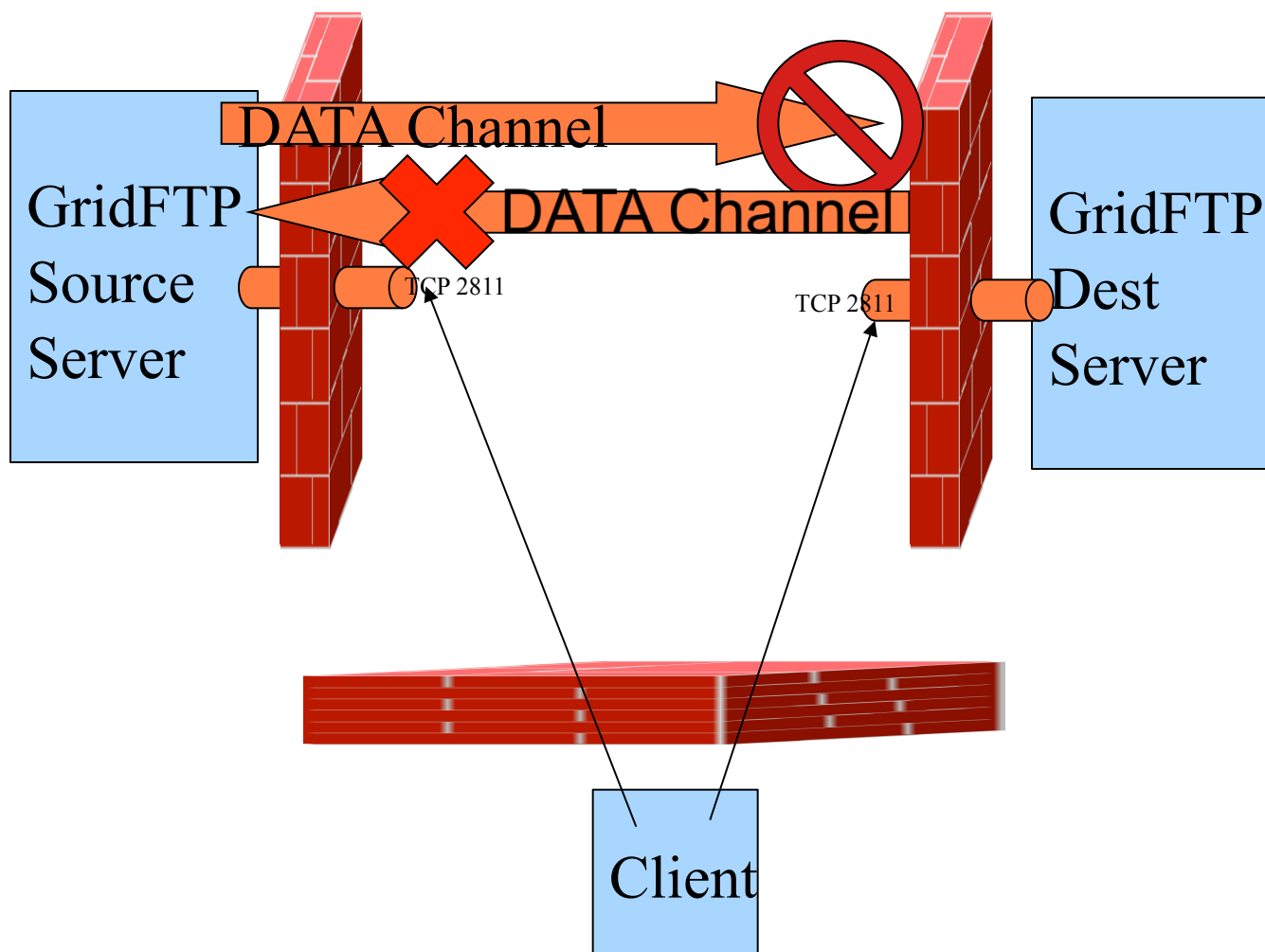




Firewall

- Outgoing allowed at sender, incoming blocked at receiver

Mode E



Firewall

- Open a port range on the receiver's ends firewall and set GLOBUS_TCP_PORT_RANGE to that open range
- 50000-51000 is the recommended port range for data channel connections
- `export GLOBUS_TCP_PORT_RANGE = 50000,51000`

Firewall

Outgoing blocked at sender

Can open a range of ports for outgoing connections to specific set of remote hosts (any remote port)

Use GLOBUS_TCP_SOURCE_RANGE to make the local end bound to a specified range

If outgoing connections can be opened up only for specific remote port range at specific remote hosts

firewall rule needs to be modified on a case-by-case basis

Partial File Transfer

Large file transfer fails

We don't want to start completely over
Ideally we start where we left off

Restart markers sent periodically

Contain blocks written to disk

Sent every 5s by default

In worst case recovery sends 5s of redundant data

Striping or Cluster-to-cluster transfer

A coordinated transfer between multiple nodes at end of the transfer

- 1 SPI at each end

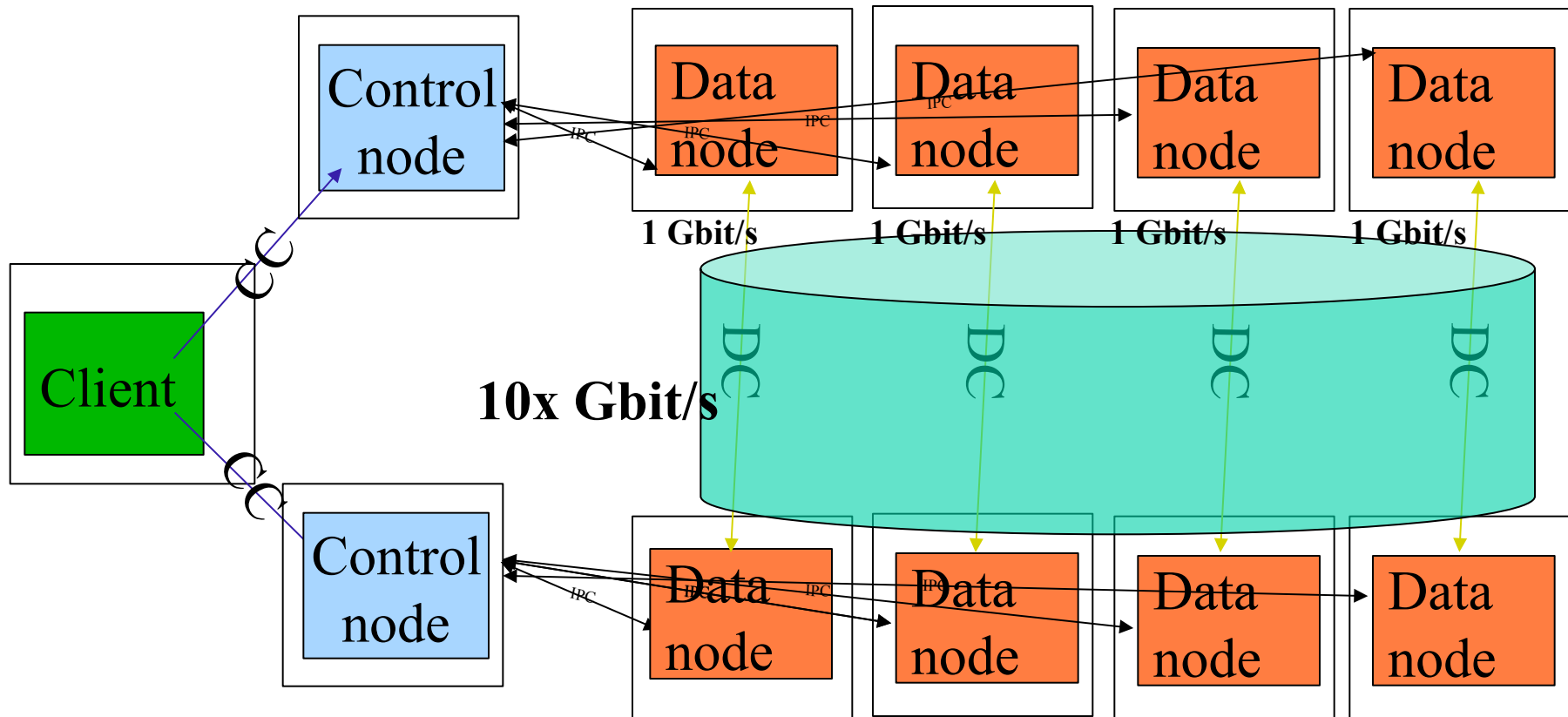
- Many DPIs per SPI

- Each DPI transfers a portion of the file

- Allows for fast transfers

- Many NICs per transfer

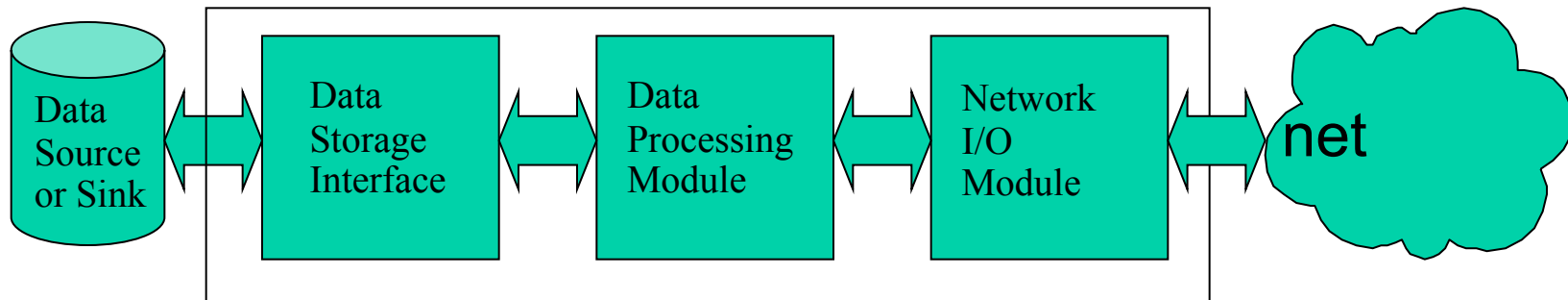
Cluster-to-cluster transfer



Modular

Globus GridFTP is based on XIO and is modular

Well-defined interfaces



Data Storage Interface (DSI)

Number of storage systems in use by the scientific and engineering community

High Performance Storage System (HPSS)

Distributed File System (DFS)

Storage Resource Broker (SRB)

Use incompatible protocols for accessing data and require the use of their own clients

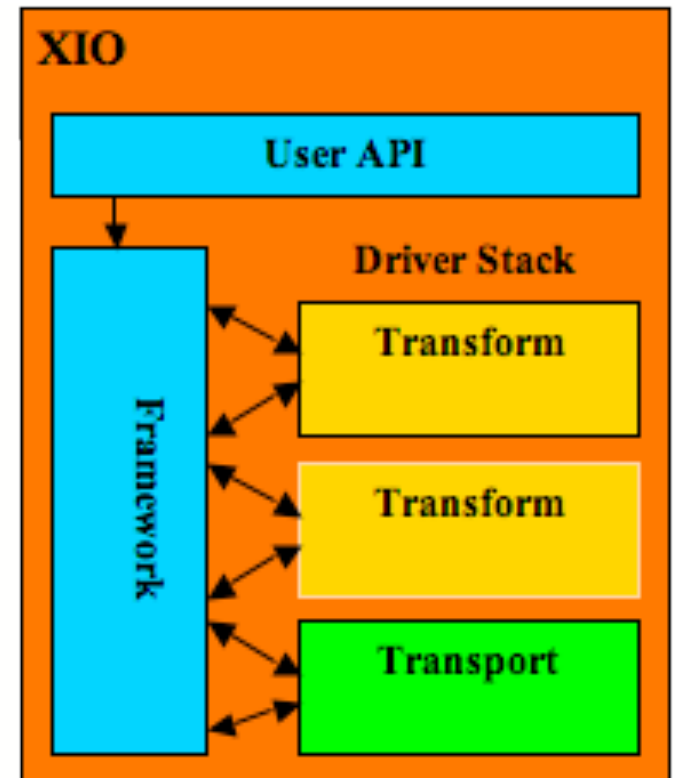
Modular abstraction to storage systems

Globus XIO

Framework to compose
different protocols

Provides a unified interface
open/close/read/write

Driver interface to hook
3rd party protocol libraries



Alternative stacks

All I/O in GridFTP is done with Globus XIO
data channel and disk

XIO allows you to set an I/O software stack
transport and transform drivers
ex: compression, gsi,tcp

Substitute UDT for TCP

Add BW limiting, or netlogger

XIO Driver Stacks

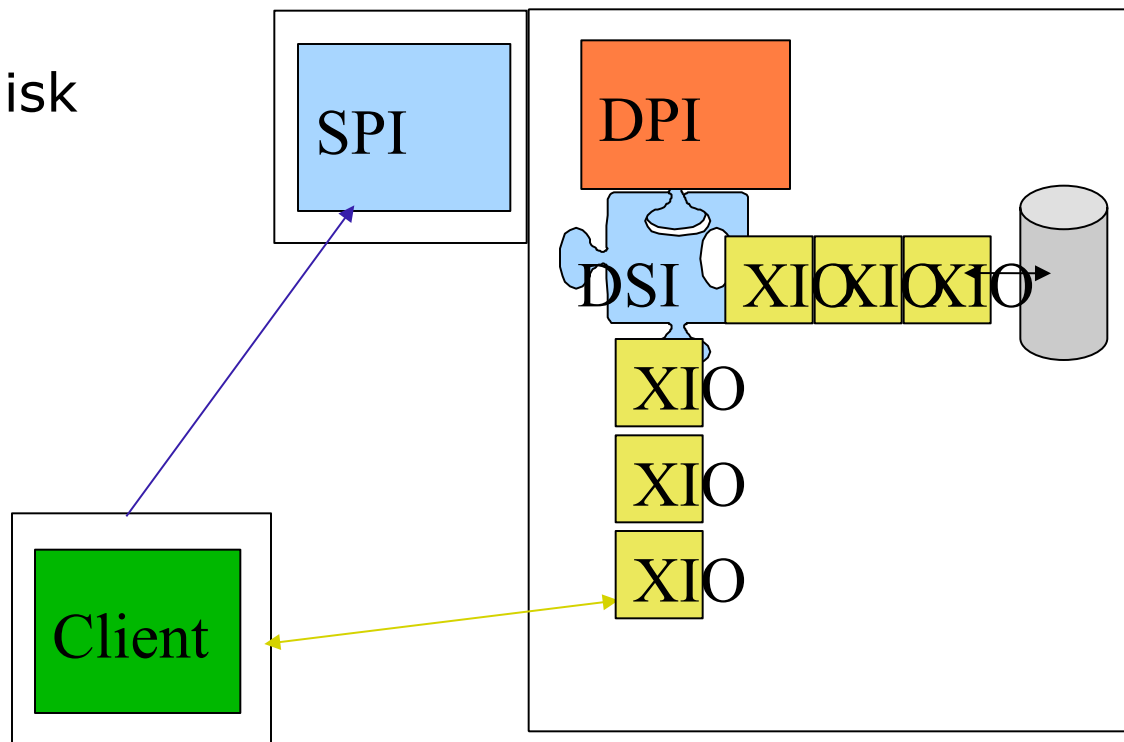
All data passes through XIO
driver stacks

to network and disk

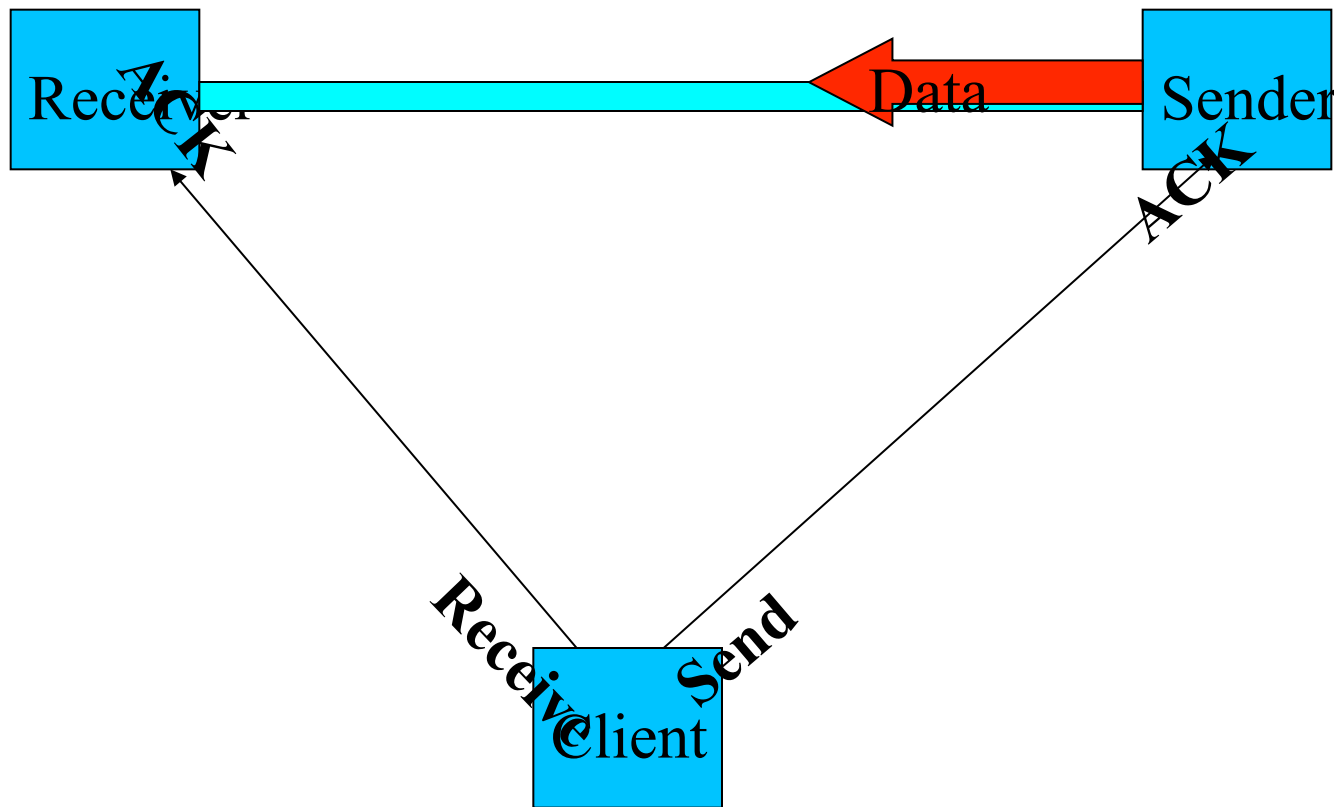
observe data

change data

change protocol



Lots of Small Files (LOSF) Problem



Concurrency

Use concurrency optimization for transferring
lots of small files

What is a small file?

Depends on the network bandwidth and latency

Files of size ≤ 100 MB

Transfer multiple files concurrently

`globus-url-copy -cc`

Globus Replica Location Service

- Why replicate files?
 - Fault tolerance: avoid single points of failure
 - Reduce latency: use “nearest” copy
- Logical File Name (LFN)
 - Location-independent identifier (name)
 - Example: `foo`
- Physical File Name (PFN)
 - Specific file identifier such as a URL
 - E.g.: `gsiftp://myserver.mycompany.com/foo`
- RLS maps between LFNs and PFNs
 - `foo` \Rightarrow `gsiftp://myserver.mycompany.com/foo`

LFNs and PFNs

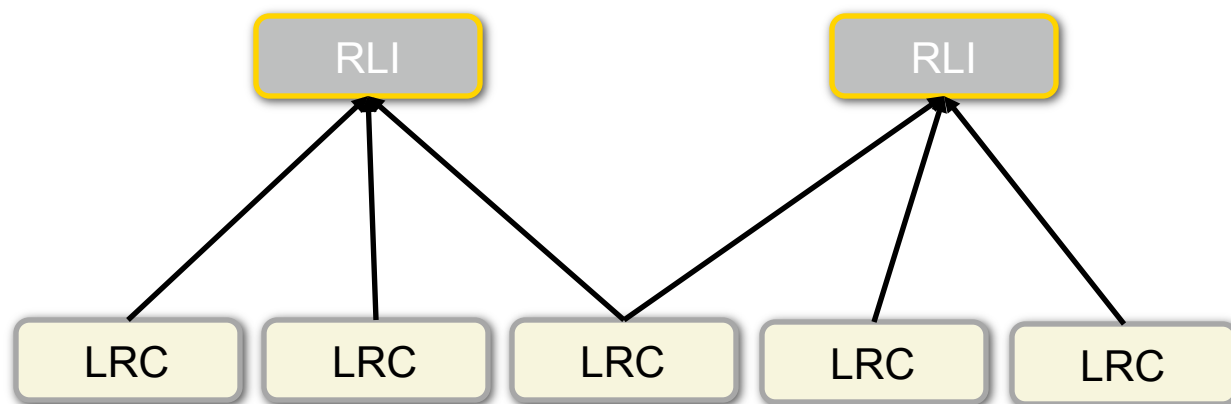
- LFN to PFN mappings are often many-to-one
- Multiple PFNs may indicate different access to a file





RLS services


- Local replica catalog (LRC): Catalog of LFN to PFN mappings
- Replica Location Index (RLI): Aggregate information about one or more LRCs
- Only the LFN content for LRC is aggregated
 - Each configured LRC sends list of LFNs to LRCs
 - PFNs and mappings **not** aggregated



- Grid Interfaces to Databases
 - Data access
 - > Relational & XML Databases, semi-structured files
 - Data integration
 - > Multiple data delivery mechanisms, data translation



More Specifically, I May Want To ...

- Manage who is allowed to access my service (or my experimental data or ...)
 - Ensure reliable & secure distribution of data from my lab to my partners
 - Run 10,000 jobs on whatever computers I can get hold of
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Execution Management (GRAM)

GRAM is a Globus Toolkit component

For Grid *job management*

GRAM is a unifying remote interface to
Resource Managers

Yet preserves local site security/control

GRAM provides stateful job control

Reliable create operation

Asynchronous monitoring and control

Remote credential management

Remote file staging and file cleanup

Grid Job Management Goals

Provide a service to securely:

Create an environment for a job

Stage files to/from environment

Cause execution of job process(es)

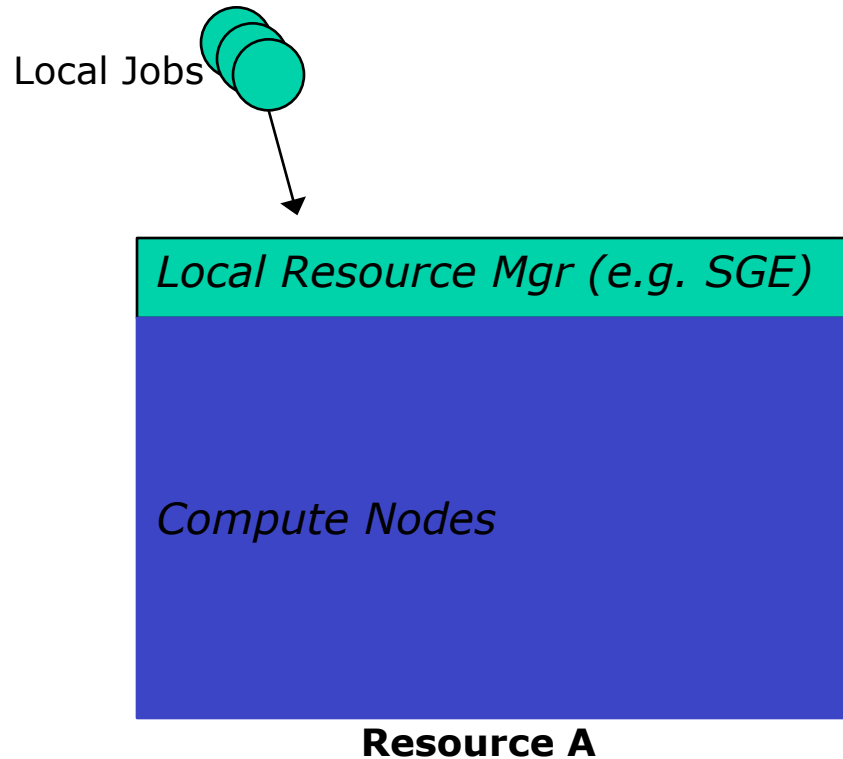
Via various local resource managers

Monitor execution

Signal important state changes to client

Traditional Interaction

- Satisfies many use cases
- TACC's Ranger (62976 cores!) is the Costco of HTC ;-), one stop shopping, why do we need more?



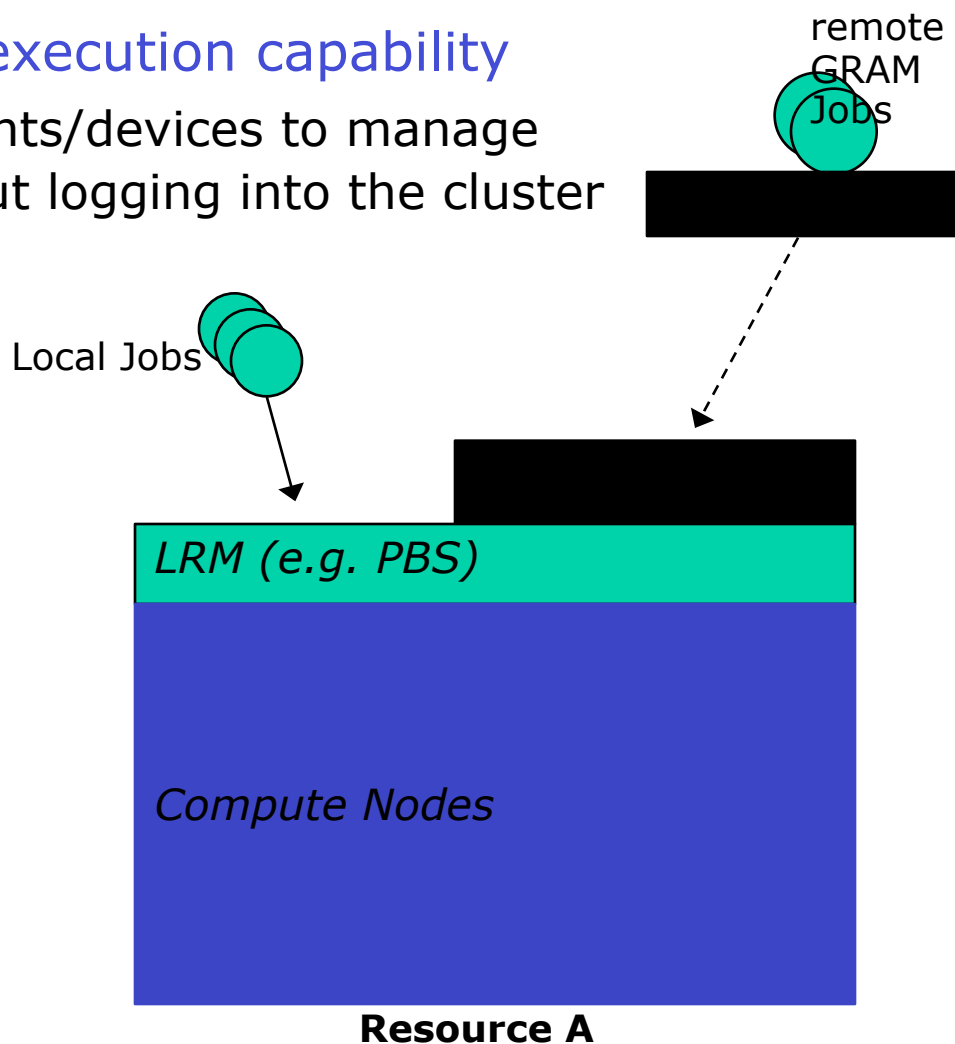


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GRAM Benefit

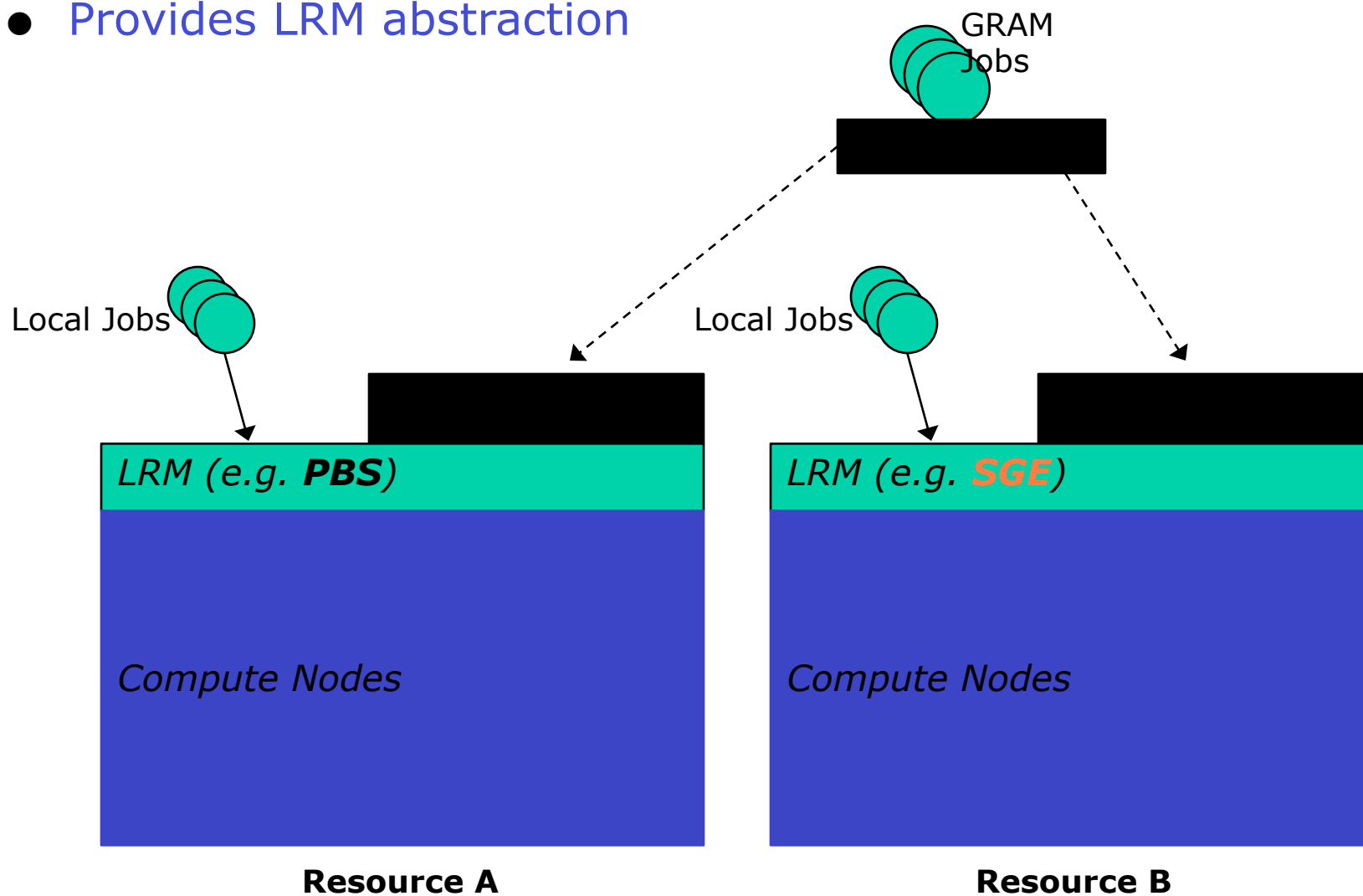
- Add remote execution capability
 - ◆ Enable clients/devices to manage jobs without logging into the cluster





GRAM Benefit

- Provides LRM abstraction



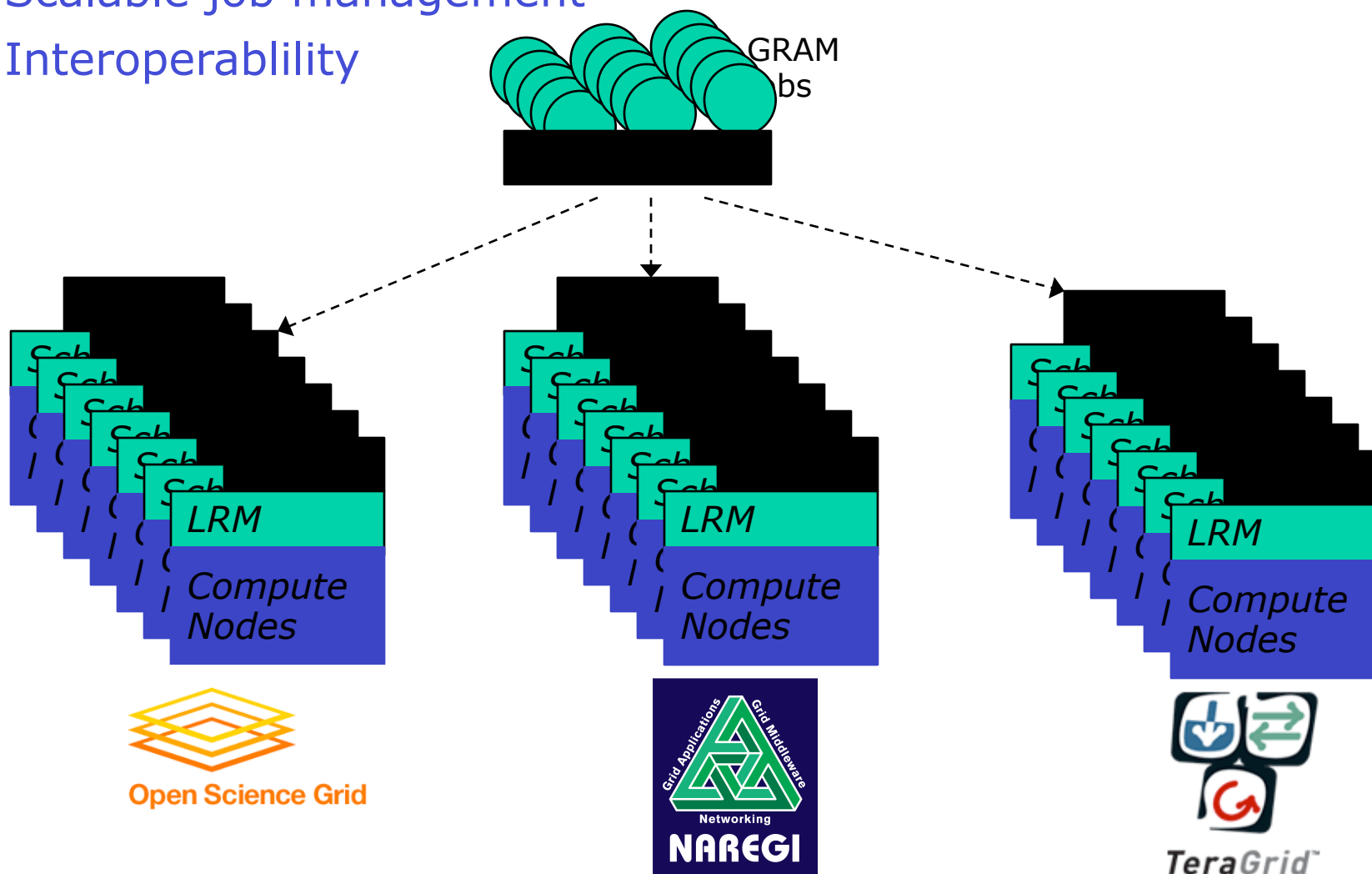


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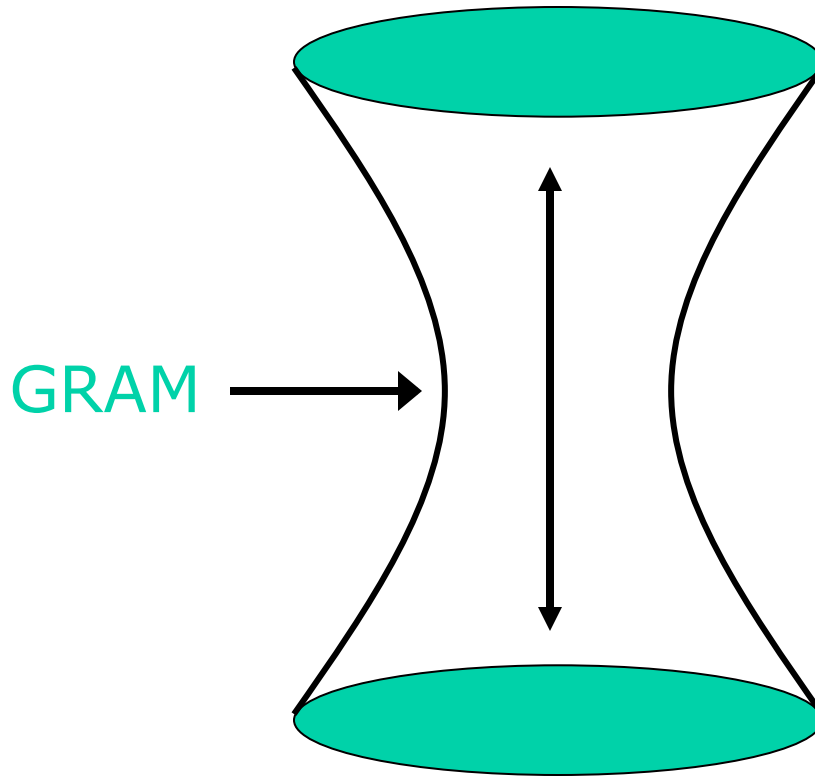
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GRAM Benefit

- Scalable job management
- Interoperability



Users/Applications:
Science Gateways, Portals, CLI scripts,
App Specific Web Service, etc.

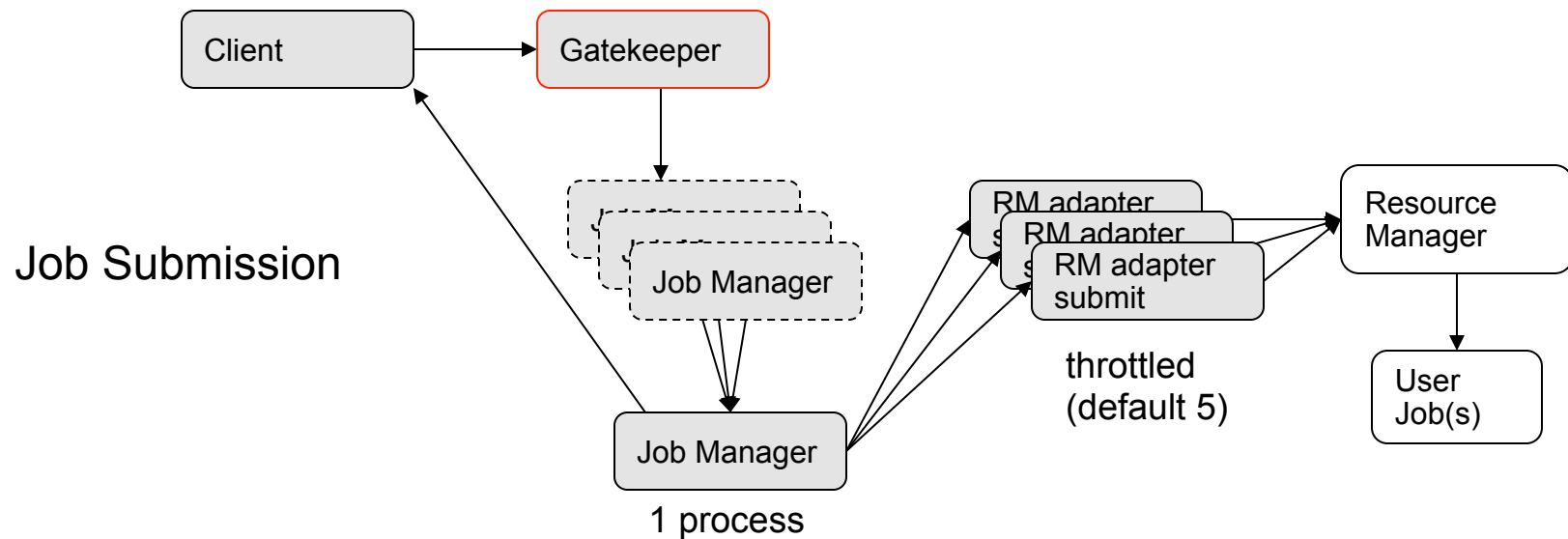


Local Resource Managers:
PBS, Condor, LSF, SGE, Fork

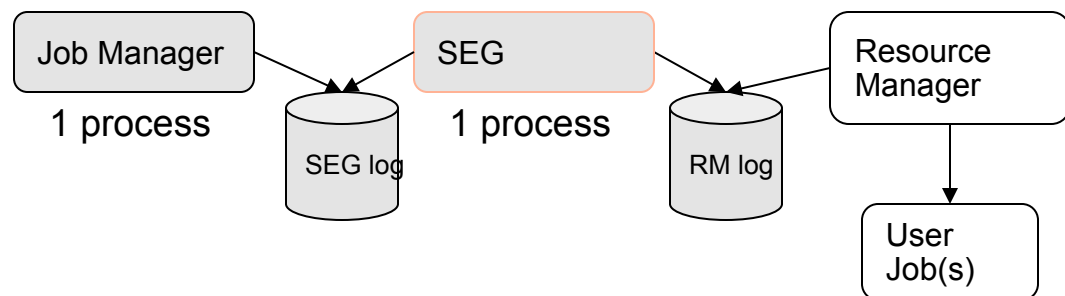


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GRAM5 Architecture



Job Monitoring

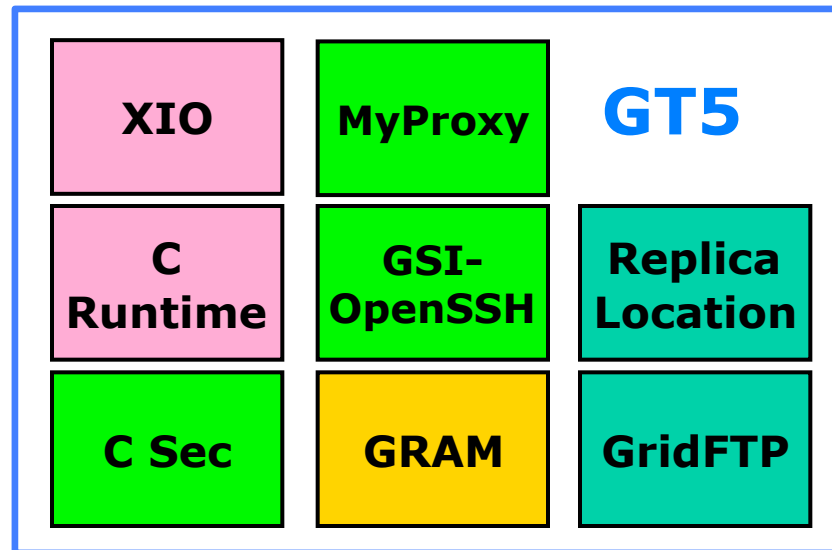




The GT5 Distribution



Globus Toolkit Version 5





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Installation in a nutshell

- Quickstart guide is very useful <http://www.globus.org/toolkit/docs/5.0/5.0.0/admin/quickstart/>
- Verify your prereqs!
- Security – check spellings and permissions
- Globus is system software – plan accordingly

General Globus Help and Support

- Globus toolkit help lists list
 - gt-user@globus.org
 - gt-dev@globus.org
 - http://dev.globus.org/wiki/Mailing_Lists
- Each project has specific lists
- Project tracking
 - jira.globus.org



GridWay Meta-Scheduler

- Scheduler virtualization layer on top of Globus services
 - A LRM-like environment for submitting, monitoring, and controlling jobs
 - Submit jobs to the Grid, without having to worry about the details of exactly which local resource will run the job
 - A policy-driven job scheduler
 - Accounting
 - Fault detection & recovery
 - Arrays of jobs, DAGs

Contribute to an Existing Project

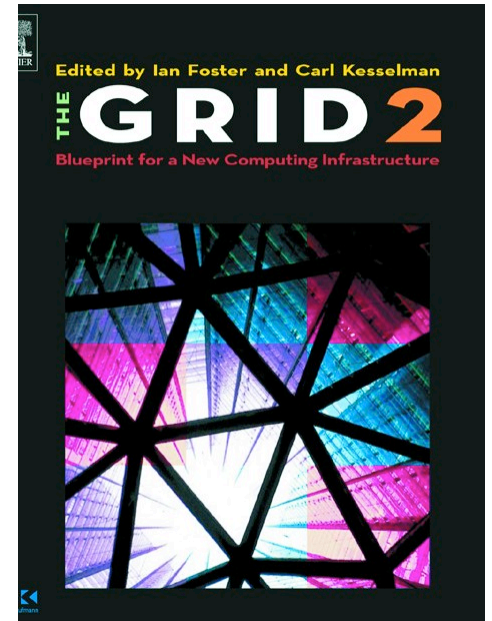
- Contribute code, documentation, design ideas, and feature requests
- Joining the mailing lists
 - *-dev, *-user, *-announce for each project
 - See the project wiki page at dev.globus.org
- Chime in at any time
- Regular contributors can become committers, with a role in defining project directions

http://dev.globus.org/wiki/How_to_contribute

Summary: Grids are About ...

*Enabling "coordinated resource sharing
& problem solving in dynamic, multi-
institutional virtual organizations."*

(Source: **"The Anatomy of the Grid"**)



- Access to shared resources
 - Virtualization, allocation, management
- With predictable behaviors
 - Provisioning, quality of service
- In dynamic, heterogeneous environments
 - Standards-based interfaces and protocols

... By Providing Open Infrastructure

- Services that enable access to resources
 - Service-enable new & existing resources
 - E.g., GRAM on computer, GridFTP on storage system, custom application services
 - Uniform abstractions & mechanisms
- Tools to build applications that exploit this infrastructure
 - Registries, security, data management, ...
- A rich tool & service ecosystem



More Specifically, Making it Possible to ...

- Manage who is allowed to access my service (or my experimental data or ...)
- Ensure reliable & secure distribution of data from my lab to my partners
- Run 10,000 jobs on whatever computers I can get hold of
- And so on ...

For More Information

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